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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An abortion doctor convicted of killing three babies who were born alive in his grimy clinic agreed Tuesday to give up his right to an appeal and faces life in prison but will be spared a death sentence.

Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 72, was convicted Monday of first-degree murder in the deaths of the babies who were delivered alive and killed with scissors.

In a case that became a flashpoint in America's abortion debate, former clinic employees testified that Gosnell routinely performed illegal abortions past Pennsylvania's 24-week limit, that he delivered babies who were



Dr. Kermit Gosnell is seen during an interview in Philadelphia.

(AP Photo/Yong Kim)

still moving, whimpering or breathing, and that he and his assistants dispatched the newborns by "snipping" their spines, as he referred to it.

Prosecutors agreed to two life sentences without parole, and Gosnell was to be sentenced Wednesday in the death of the third baby, an involuntary manslaughter conviction in the death of a patient and hundreds of lesser counts.

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RED HANDED



A man claimed by Russian Federal Security Service to be Ryan Fogle, a third secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, sits in the FSB offices in Moscow, early Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Russia's FSB says they caught Fogle in a red-handed attempt to recruit a Russian agent.

(AP Photo/FSB Public Relations)

US diplomat ordered to leave Russia in spy case

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MOSCOW (AP) — A U.S. diplomat was ordered Tuesday to leave the country after the Kremlin's security services said he tried to recruit a Russian agent, and they displayed tradecraft tools that seemed straight from a cheap spy thriller: wigs, packets of cash, a knife,

map and compass, and a letter promising millions for "long-term cooperation." The FSB, the successor agency to the Soviet-era KGB, identified the diplomat as Ryan Fogle, a third secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, detaining him briefly overnight. It alleged Fogle was a CIA officer trying to recruit a

Russian counterterrorism officer who specializes in the volatile Caucasus region in southern Russia, where the two Boston Marathon bombing suspects had their ethnic roots. Fogle was handed over to U.S. Embassy officials, declared persona non grata and ordered to leave Russia immediately.

He has diplomatic immunity, which protects him from arrest. The State Department would only confirm that Fogle worked as an embassy employee, but wouldn't give any details about his employment record or responsibilities in Russia.

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Some officials also referred inquiries to the CIA, which declined comment.

Fogle was the first American diplomat to be publicly accused of spying in Russia in about a decade. While relations between the two countries have been strained, officials in both Washington and Moscow sought to play down the incident.

The Russian Foreign Ministry summoned U.S. Ambassador Michael McFaul to appear Wednesday in connection with the case. McFaul said he would not comment on the spying allegation.

Russian officials expressed indignation the U.S. would

carry out an espionage operation at a time when the two countries have been working to improve counterterrorism cooperation. "Such provocative actions in the spirit of the Cold War do nothing to strengthen mutual trust," the Foreign Ministry said.

Russia's Caucasus region includes the provinces of Chechnya and Dagestan. The suspects in the April 15 Boston Marathon bombings — Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and his elder brother, Tamerlan, who was killed in a manhunt — are ethnic Chechens. Tamerlan spent six months last year in Dagestan, now the center of an Islamic insurgency.

U.S. investigators have been working with the Rus-

sians to try to determine whether Tamerlan Tsarnaev had established any contacts with militants in

Dagestan.

Despite the end of the Cold War, Russia and the United States still maintain



A man claimed by Russian Federal Security Service to be Ryan Fogle, a third secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, is detained in Moscow, early Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

(AP Photo/FSB Public Relations)

active espionage operations against each other. Last year, several Russians were convicted in separate cases of spying for the U.S. and sentenced to lengthy prison sentences.

But Tuesday's case had espionage elements that seemed more like "Spy vs. Spy" than Ludlum and Le Carre.

Russian state TV showed pictures of a man said to be Fogle, wearing a baseball cap and a blond wig, lying face down on the ground. The man, without the wig, was also shown sitting at a desk in the offices of the FSB, the Federal Security Service.

Two wigs, a compass, a map of Moscow, a pocket knife, three pairs of sunglasses and envelopes of 500 euro notes (each bill worth \$649) were among the items the FSB displayed on a table.

The FSB also produced a typewritten letter that it described as instructions to the Russian agent who was the target of Fogle's alleged recruitment effort. The letter, in Russian and addressed "Dear friend," offers \$100,000 to "discuss your experience, expertise and cooperation" and up to \$1 million a year for long-term cooperation. The letter also includes instructions for opening a Gmail account to be used for communication and an address to write. It is signed "Your friends."

"If this is genuine, then it'll be seen to be appallingly bad tradecraft — being caught with a 'How-to-be-a-Spy 101' guide and a wig. He would have had to have been pretty stupid," said Mark Galeotti, a professor at New York University who studies the Russian security services.

Samuel Greene, director of the Russia Institute at King's College London, called the evidence bizarre.

"I wouldn't have thought that spies gave each other written instructions," he said in a telephone interview. Greene also noted that the FSB had displayed Fogle's official diplomatic

Spies Like Us:

A look at how Russia, US still spy on each other

Associated Press

The Cold War is long over, but espionage is forever. Russian spies still operate in the U.S. and American ones in Russia. On Tuesday, Russia's security services said they had caught a U.S. diplomat whom they claim is a CIA official trying to recruit a Russian agent.

Here's some other cases of apparent spying between the old rivals:

THE ANNA CHAPMAN RING

These Russian spies lived in suburban U.S. homes and worked at jobs like real estate brokers or travel agents, quietly inserting themselves into American life and trying to penetrate U.S. policy circles. Court papers said Chapman and nine others assumed the identities of people who had died, swapped bags in passing at train stations and communicated with invisible ink and coded radio transmissions. After their 2010 arrests, all 10 pleaded guilty to spying charges. An 11th man was arrested in Cyprus but jumped bail. Dubbed a femme fatale, the red-headed Chapman, 28 at the time, became the most notorious member of the ring, partially because

of glamorous photos she posted on social networking sites of her international travels. She has stayed in the limelight since her deportation to Russia, hosting a reality TV show, modeling lingerie and becoming the face of a Moscow bank.



Russian Anna Chapman, who was deported from the U.S. on charges of espionage, smiles at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in Moscow.

found Canada to be fertile ground for finding people willing to rat on the U.S.

Tretyakov claimed his agents helped Russia siphon nearly \$500 million from the U.N. oil-for-food sanctions program for Iraq. Then in 2000, he defected

SERGEI TRETYAKOV

Tretyakov once called the United Nations a nest of spies. And he would know. For five years in the 1990s, Tretyakov worked at Russia's diplomatic mission at the U.N. — recruiting and running spies. He also

to the U.S. It's thought that Tretyakov handed significant information over to Washington, although he never specifically confirmed that he became a double agent. He died in Florida in 2010 at age 53 of a heart attack.

STANISLAV BORISOVICH GUSEV

Gusev, a Russian diplomat, planted a bug inside the State Department in Washington, D.C., and then hung around on a bench outside the building or in his car to listen, according to U.S. authorities. Agents became suspicious when they spotted him feeding a parking meter outside State Department headquarters without ever going inside. He was arrested in 1999 and expelled from the U.S.

ALDRICH AMES

As a CIA officer in Turkey, Ames worked to turn Russians against their government. But in 1985, he switched sides himself, offering his services to the Soviets. He continued working for the Russians after the Soviet Union broke up in 1991. He communicated with his handlers by leaving chalk marks on a Washington, D.C., mailbox. He eventually passed along to Moscow dozens of names of Russians who were spying for the U.S. The Soviet Union executed 10 of them. The FBI arrested Ames in 1994 and he pleaded guilty to spying that same year. □

Attorney General orders investigation of IRS tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday he has ordered a Justice Department investigation into the U.S. tax agency's targeting of conservative groups for extra tax scrutiny.

The announcement at a news conference takes the matter beyond the numerous congressional committees already investigating the Internal Revenue Service for singling out conservative tea party and other groups during the 2010 congressional elections and the 2012 presidential elections. Investigators will try to determine if any laws were broken.

Holder called the agency's practice "outrageous and unacceptable."

The Obama administration is trying to get out in front of the tax agency controversy, attempting to show it is taking the issue seriously and keeping it from exploding into a bigger scandal. It is already one of several controversies that have put President Barack Obama on the defensive just months into his second term.

The agency has apologized for what it acknowledged was "inappropriate" targeting of conservative political groups to see whether they were violating their tax-exempt status. In some cases, the IRS acknowledged, agents inappropriately asked for lists of donors.

The agency blamed low-level employees in a regional office, saying no high-level officials were aware.

Acting agency chief Steven Miller has emerged as a key figure in the controversy as Republicans focus on Miller's failure to disclose to Congress that tea party groups had been targeted while reviewing applications for tax-exempt status. Miller was first informed on May, 3, 2012, that applications for tax-exempt status by tea party groups were inappropriately singled out for extra scrutiny, the IRS said Monday.

At least twice after the briefing, Miller wrote letters

to members of Congress to explain the process of reviewing applications for tax-exempt status without disclosing that tea party groups had been targeted. On July 25, 2012, Miller testified before the House of Representatives Ways and Means oversight sub-

committee, but again did not mention the additional scrutiny — despite being asked about it. www

The agency started targeting groups with "Tea Party," "Patriots" or "9/12 Project" in their applications in March 2010. The criteria later evolved to include

groups that promoted the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The practice ended in May 2012, according to a draft of an upcoming report by the Treasury Department's inspector general for tax administration. Republican Sen. Roy Blunt called Tuesday for Miller to

step down or for Obama to replace him.

"If the reports are accurate that Steven Miller knew about the IRS' egregious targeting of conservative groups last year and misled members of Congress about those actions, he should step down or be removed immediately," Blunt said Tuesday.

While Republicans have blasted the administration for targeting conservative groups, no blame has been laid directly on Obama, who said he first learned about the tax targeting issue from news reports on Friday..

Republicans are trying to link the scandal to the administration's response to the September attacks in Benghazi, Libya, that killed a U.S. ambassador, for which they have hammered Obama ever since. They say it's another example of the government abusing its power, and point to emails disclosed Friday that show senior administration officials pushed for references to prior warnings and al-Qaida to be deleted from the talking points used by U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice five days after the attack. □



Attorney General Eric Holder pauses during a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington, Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Holder said he's ordered a Justice Department investigation into the Internal Revenue Service's targeting of conservative groups for extra tax scrutiny.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Holder: No role in AP phone records subpoena

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder on Tuesday defended the Justice Department's secret examination of Associated Press phone records though he declared he had played no role in it, justifying the effort as part of an investigation into what he called a grave national security leak.

The government's wide-ranging information gathering from the news cooperative has created a bipartisan political headache for President Barack Obama, with prominent Republicans and Democrats in Congress expressing outrage, along with press freedom groups.

The government obtained the records from April and May of 2012 for more than

20 separate telephone lines assigned to AP and its journalists, including main offices. AP's top executive called the action a massive and unprecedented intrusion into how news organizations do their work. Federal investigators are trying to hunt down the sources of information for a May 7, 2012, AP story that disclosed details of a CIA operation in Yemen to stop an airliner bomb plot around the anniversary of the killing of Osama bin Laden.

The probe is being run out of the U.S. Attorney's office in Washington.

Asked about it at a news conference on a separate topic, Holder said he removed himself from the leaked-information probe because he himself had been interviewed by FBI

agents as part of the investigation. He said he wanted to ensure that the probe was independently run and to avoid any potential appearance of a conflict of interest.

It was his Justice Department's No. 2 official, Deputy Attorney General James Cole, who made the decision to seek news media phone records, the department said.

"This was a very serious leak, a very grave leak" that "put the American people at risk," Holder said. He called it one of the two or three most serious such episodes he had seen since he became a prosecutor in 1976 but did not say specifically how the disclosure of information about the plot had endangered Americans. In February, CIA Director

John Brennan provided a less-than-ominous description of the plot in testimony to the Senate Intelligence Committee.

He told the panel that "there was never a threat to the American public as we had said so publicly, because we had inside control of the plot and the device was never a threat to the American public."

The bomb plot came to light after the White House had told Americans it had "no credible information that terrorist organizations, including al-Qaida, are plotting attacks in the U.S. to coincide with the anniversary of bin Laden's death."

Condemnation of the government's seizure of the AP phone records came from both political parties. □



Obama's second term agenda facing triple-threat

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama seemed to lose control of his second-term agenda even before he was sworn in, when a school massacre led him to lift gun control to the fore. Now, as he tries to pivot from a stinging defeat on that issue and push forward on others, the president finds himself rocked by multiple controversies that are demoralizing his Democratic allies, emboldening his political foes and posing huge distractions for all.

It is unclear how long he will be dogged by inquiries into last year's deadly attack in Libya, the U.S. tax agency targeting of tea conservative party groups and now the seizure of Associated Press phone records in a leak investigation. But if nothing else, these episodes give new confidence and swagger to opposition Republicans who were discouraged by Obama's re-election last November and their inability to block tax hikes as part

of a Jan. 1 financial crisis deal.

Taken together, these matters will make it harder for the administration to focus on its priorities — racking up a few more accomplishments before next year's national elections.

"It's a torrential downpour, and it's happening at the worst possible time, because the window is closing" on opportunities to accomplish things before the 2014 campaigns, said Matt Bennett, who worked in the Clinton White House. From here on, he said, "it's going to be very, very difficult."

So far, there's no evidence that Obama knew about — let alone was involved in — the government actions in question. But a president usually is held accountable for his administration's actions, and Republicans now have material to fuel accusations and congressional hearings that they hope will embarrass him, erode his credibility and bolster their argument that his government is overreaching. Even some of his Democratic allies are

publicly expressing dismay at the AP phone records seizure.

Obama advisers on Tuesday cast the trio of controversies as matters that flare up in an institution as complex as the U.S. government, and they questioned the impact of them. The one exception, advisers said, was the brewing scandal at the tax collecting agency, which they see as the issue most likely to strike a chord with Americans.

The agency has apologized for what it calls "inappropriate" targeting of conservative political groups, including tea party affiliates that were seeking tax-exempt status in recent years. Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday he had ordered a Justice Department investigation.

But he distanced himself from the decision to subpoena the AP records, saying he had had no part in it, stepping aside because he had been interviewed in a government investigation into who provided information for a news story that disclosed details of a

CIA operation in Yemen.

The press case sparked bipartisan outcry, with several Republican and Democratic officials questioning Holder's department's actions in the matter. Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said the attorney general should resign over the issue, adding: "Freedom of the press is an essential right in a free society."

Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy, both Democrats, called on the Justice Department to explain the records seizure. And Rep. Steny Hoyer, the House's second-ranking Democratic leader, said, "This is activity that should not have happened and must be checked from happening again."

As the press and tax issues boiled over Tuesday, many conservative activists stayed focused on the attack last September in Benghazi, Libya, that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens. Republicans have spent the past eight months accusing the Obama administration of ignoring security needs before the attack, and of revising subsequent "talking points" to play down the role of Islamic terrorists in the assault, which occurred at the height of Obama's re-election campaign.

Hillary Rodham Clinton — the secretary of state at the time, and a possible presidential candidate in 2016 — is the target of many Republican accusations.

Despite the noisy controversies, White House advisers tamped down suggestions that Obama would make any sudden moves, such as firing top officials or shaking up his team. Aides

said they want more details from an inspector general report on the tax agency's actions before deciding how to proceed on that issue. On all three matters, the White House Tuesday steered blame to other administration agencies. The disputed Benghazi talking points, advisers said, were chiefly the CIA's work. In discussing the tax controversy, the White House has emphasized the agency's independent status. And Obama's spokesman has deflected all questions about AP phone records to the Justice Department, saying that the president and his aides didn't know about the case until they read press reports Monday. Asked why Obama could not simply ask the attorney general about the Justice Department subpoenas, Jay Carney, the spokesman, said, "A great deal prevents the president from doing that. It would be wholly inappropriate for the president to involve himself in a criminal investigation that ... involves leaks of information from the administration."

White House officials said Obama plans to press his second-term agenda as planned, but the contentious issues are complicating that effort. Amid new revelations about Benghazi and the tax agency, Obama's attempts last Friday to highlight the implementation of key components of the health care law — his first term's signature accomplishment — were largely ignored.

Republican consultant John Feehery says the tax agency and Benghazi controversies undercut the president's argument for increasing the government's role in health care and almost everything else. □

Senate panel approves US ambassador to Libya

DONNA CASSATA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday approved President Barack Obama's nominee for U.S. ambassador to Libya, a post that has been vacant since insurgents attacked the diplomatic mission in Benghazi last September, killing Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

With little discussion, the panel on a voice vote approved Deborah Kay Jones, a career diplomat who has served in Kuwait, Argentina, Syria, Iraq and Turkey.

Sen. Bob Menendez, a Democrat and chairman of the committee, praised Jones and spoke of the imperative of filling the job amid increasing lawlessness in Libya. On Monday, a deadly car bomb exploded near a hospital in Benghazi and officials gave conflicting numbers on the death toll.

"There is simply no substitute for having a confirmed

U.S. ambassador on the ground, reaching outside the wire to the Libyan people as they shape a safer, more productive and inclusive future," Menendez said. At her confirmation hearing earlier this month, Jones promised to work to ensure sufficient security at U.S. facilities, saying the ambassador was the principle security officer and vowing to simply pick up the phone and call Washington if she felt security was lax.

If confirmed by the full Senate, Jones would take over an ambassadorship that has been vacant for nearly eight months. The Obama administration's response to the attacks has been the subject of a long-running and bitter dispute with congressional Republicans. They have accused the administration of trying to cover up details of the assault and its aftermath. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, ratcheted up the political criticism on Tuesday, saying the Republicans were

hyperventilating about the Benghazi attack.

"It's about smear politics and nothing else," Reid told reporters.

He highlighted the Republi-

can budget cuts, including the \$300 million from the Obama administration's request of \$2.6 billion for diplomatic and embassy security last year. □



Deborah Kay Jones is seen in Kuwait City. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved Jones, President Obama's nominee, to serve as U.S. ambassador to Libya.

(AP Photo/Gustavo Ferrari)

Convicted abortion doctor Gosnell gets life in prison

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Prosecutors had sought the death penalty. But Gosnell's own advanced age had made it unlikely he would ever be executed before his appeals ran out. Gosnell has said he considered himself a pioneering inner-city doctor who helped desperate women get late-term abortions. Defense lawyer Jack McMahon said before the sentencing deal that his client's bid for acquittal was a battle.

"The media has been overwhelmingly against him," McMahon said. "But I think the jury listened to the evidence ... and they found what they found."

The gruesome details of Gosnell's operation came out more than two years ago during a grand jury investigation of prescription

drug trafficking. Authorities raiding Gosnell's clinic for drugs instead found bags and bottles of fetuses, including jars of severed feet, along with bloodstained furniture, dirty medical instruments and cats roaming the premises.

Partisans on both sides of the polarized U.S. abortion debate were quick to weigh in after the verdict. Abortion foes said the case helped to illustrate the disturbing reality of abortion.

"This has helped more people realize what abortion is really about," said David O'Steen, executive director of the National Right to Life Committee. He said he hopes the case results in more states passing bills that prohibit abortion "once the unborn child can feel pain." □

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Jury rules against Adelson in Vegas Sands suit

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — A jury on Tuesday awarded a Hong Kong businessman a \$70 million judgment against Las Vegas Sands Corp., the casino giant run by billionaire Sheldon Adelson. Richard Suen claimed he was owed up to \$328 million for helping the Las Vegas-based company secure a lucrative gambling license in Macau, the only place in China where casino gambling is legal. Suen said he was hired by Las Vegas Sands to curry favor with the Chinese government in the early 2000s and was successful. Las Vegas Sands attorneys argued Suen was owed nothing because he didn't make good on his promise to aid company executives. The eight-person Clark County District Court jury deliberated for two full days before returning the award Tuesday, potentially bringing nine years of litigation to an end. Las Vegas Sands has opened four resorts in Macau's Cotai Strip area, and now makes about 60

percent of its profits in the former Portuguese colony, an hour from Hong Kong by ferry. Sands also oper-

ates the Venetian and the Palazzo casinos on the Las Vegas Strip. Suen first filed his lawsuit in 2004, saying he and his company were promised \$5 million and 2 percent of net casino profits to help the company

win a Macau gambling license. Sands does not deny that it once offered Suen a "suc-

cess fee," but the company's attorneys argued the businessman did not make good on his promise to deliver a license. Sands ultimately partnered with Hong Kong-based Galaxy Entertainment and was

awarded one of three gambling licenses by the Macau government. The companies could not



Las Vegas Sands Corp. CEO Sheldon Adelson testifies in Clark County district court, in Las Vegas. A jury on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 awarded Hong Kong businessman Richard Suen a \$70 million judgment against Las Vegas Sands Corp. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

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Big 4 cell carriers unite on anti-texting ads

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The four biggest U.S. cellphone companies are set to launch their first joint advertising campaign against texting while driving, uniting behind AT&T's "It Can Wait" slogan to blanket TV and radio this summer. AT&T, Verizon Wireless, Sprint and T-Mobile will be joined by 200 other organizations backing the multi-million dollar ad campaign. The campaign is unusual not just because it unites rivals, but because it represents companies warning against the dangers of their own products. After initially fighting laws against cellphone use while driving, cellphone companies have begun to embrace the language of the federal government's campaign against cellphone use by drivers. AT&T and Verizon have run ads against texting

and driving since 2009. In 2005, Sprint Nextel Corp. created an education program targeting teens learning to drive. "Every

four of us having different messages and going different directions." Beyond TV and radio ads, the new campaign will stretch

ing an "epidemic," a term it borrows from the federal Department of Transportation. The U.S. transportation secretary has been on a self-described "rampage" against cellphones since his term began in January 2009.

Stephenson said that "texting while driving is a deadly habit that makes you 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash." The figure refers to a 2009 government study of bus and truck drivers. It isn't based on crashes alone, but on the likelihood the drivers showed risky behavior such as lane drifting or sharp braking, sometimes culminating in a crash.

The unified ad campaign comes as some researchers are starting to say that while texting and driving at the same time is clearly a bad idea, it's not contributing measurably to an increase in traffic accidents. □



A driver uses an iPhone while driving Wednesday, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

CEO in the industry that you talk to recognizes that this is an issue that needs to be dealt with," AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson said in an interview. "I think we all understand that pooling our resources with one consistent message is a lot more powerful than all

into the skies through displays on Goodyear's three blimps. It will also include store displays, community events, social-media outreach and a national tour of a driving simulator. The campaign targets teens in particular. AT&T Inc. calls texting and driv-

Tougher drunken driving threshold is recommended

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WASHINGTON - Thousands of people are killed or injured every year by drivers who have been drinking but are not legally drunk and have a reduced ability to see, make decisions or operate a vehicle, the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday. The board met to consider recommending that the states reduce the allowable blood-alcohol concentration by more than a third, to 0.05 percent from 0.08 percent, the national standard that was established a decade ago at the instigation of Congress. The 0.05 percent standard is mostly focused on social and casual drinkers, but researchers hope it will reduce consumption among all drivers. Any recommendation made by the board would carry substantial influence. Blood-alcohol concentration varies by body weight, gender, stomach contents and other factors, but generally speaking, a 180-pound man could consume four beers or glasses of wine in 90 minutes without reaching the current limit. At a limit of 0.05 percent, he could legally consume only three. A 130-pound woman could probably consume three drinks in 90 minutes and still be legal under the existing standard; if the limit were lowered, she could consume only two. The board voted last year to recommend that anyone convicted of drunken driving be required to install a breathalyzer interlock in their car, which would prevent the vehicle from starting without an alcohol test, a strategy intended to combat repeat offenders. And the board favors research on built-in alcohol detectors for new cars, which could measure blood-alcohol content through a driver's palms on the steering wheel or some other unobtrusive way. Those could be available as an option on new cars or could be universally required. □

U.S. Financial Front:

U.S. revises estimated 2013 deficit down to \$642 billion

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The budget deficit for the current year is projected to come in well below what was estimated just a few months ago, according to a government study released Tuesday.

The Congressional Bud-

get Office cites higher tax revenues and better-than-expected bailout repayments by mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac as the key reasons for the improved outlook. The budget office now predicts a 2013 budget deficit of \$642 billion, more than \$200 billion below its Feb-

ruary estimate. This year's shortfall would register at 4 percent of the economy, far less than the 10.1 percent experienced in 2009 when the government ran a record \$1.4 trillion deficit. Last year's deficit was \$1.1 trillion, capping four consecutive trillion dollar-plus deficits during President Barack Obama's first term. Obama inherited an economy in recession, which stunted tax revenues for several years.

The deficit picture is expected to continue to improve next year and beyond, with the 2015 deficit now projected at \$378 billion, just 2.1 percent of the economy. All told, the budget office predicts deficits over the coming decade of \$6.3 trillion, down \$522 billion from earlier projections. The CBO report comes as Washington has again hit budget gridlock after enacting a \$600 billion-plus tax increase on

upper-bracket earners in January. The report could sap momentum from further deficit-cutting efforts

get picture also means that the deadline for increasing the government's borrowing cap has been



A statue of former Treasury Secretary Albert Gallatin stands outside the Treasury Building in Washington. The budget deficit for the current year is projected to come in well below what was estimated just a few months ago, according to a U.S. government study released Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

since the shortage will fall below 3 percent of the economy for several years, levels considered by many economists to be sustainable. The improved bud-

postponed until October or November. It had been expected that lawmakers would have had to act this summer to increase the so-called debt limit. □

Honda to produce new Acura NSX model in US

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Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Honda's new version of its Acura NSX sports car will be produced at a new plant inside one of the automaker's former facilities in central Ohio, Honda said Tuesday.

The new \$70 million plant, called the Performance Manufacturing Center, will be inside the former North American Logistics facility and adjacent to Honda's existing factory in Marysville. The new factory is expected to employ about 100 skilled workers drawn from existing Ohio operations, with mass production expected to begin in 2015. Honda's third auto plant in Ohio will be only a few miles (kilometers) from the Honda R&D Americas Inc. Ohio Center, which it said is

engineering the Acura NSX for production. The car's powertrain will be assembled by workers at Honda's engine plant in Anna.

The NSX, Honda's highest performance sports car, was last built in 2005 in Japan, where it had been manufactured since 1990. Honda says the new NSX will feature a lightweight chassis, a mid-mounted V-6 engine, a dual-clutch transmission and an all-wheel drive hybrid powertrain. Honda R&D Americas chief engineer Ted Klaus, who is leading the global team developing the new NSX, told reporters in a conference call Monday that it will provide "tremendously high performance in response to the driver" and strike the right balance between technology and value. □



Honda unveils a design of the new Acura NSX model at an auto show. (Handout Photo)

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Nigeria's president declares a state of emergency

JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Admitting Islamic extremists now control some of his nation's villages and towns, Nigeria's president declared a state of emergency Tuesday across the country's troubled northeast, promising to send more troops to fight what he said is now an open rebellion.

President Goodluck Jonathan, speaking live on state radio and television networks, also warned that any building suspected to house Islamic extremists would be taken over in what he described as the "war" now facing Africa's most populous nation. However, it's unclear what the emergency powers will

do to halt the violence, as a similar past effort failed to stop the bloodshed.

"It would appear that there is a systematic effort by insurgents and terrorists to destabilize the Nigerian state and test our collective resolve," Jonathan said.

Jonathan said the order will be in force in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states. He said the states would receive more troops, though he will not remove state politicians from their posts. Under Nigerian law, the president has the power to remove politicians from their posts and install a caretaker government in emergency circumstances.

The president's speech offered the starkest vision of

the ongoing violence, often downplayed by security forces and government officials due to political considerations. Jonathan described the attacks as

"Already, some northern parts of Borno state have been taken over by groups whose allegiance are to different flags than Nigeria's," Jonathan said.



A suspected member of an Islamic extremist group arrested by soldiers is tied to a tree in Bama, Nigeria. Nigeria's president declared a state of emergency Tuesday across the country's troubled northeast, admitting Islamic extremists now control some of his nation's villages and towns.

(AP Photo/Abdukareem Haruna)

a "rebellion," at one point describing how fighters had destroyed government buildings and "had taken women and children as hostages."

The president later added: "These actions amount to a declaration of war and a deliberate attempt to undermine the authority of the Nigerian state and

threaten (its) territorial integrity. As a responsible government, we will not tolerate this."

Since 2010, more than 1,600 people have been killed in attacks by Islamic insurgents, according to an Associated Press count. Recently, Nigeria's military has said Islamic fighters now use anti-aircraft guns mounted on trucks to fight the nation's soldiers, likely outgunning the country's already overstretched security forces.

Meanwhile, violence pitting different ethnic groups against each other continues, with clashes that kill dozens at a time. In addition, dozens of police officers and agents of the country's domestic spy agency were recently slaughtered by a militia.

One of the main Islamic extremist groups fighting Nigeria's weak central government is Boko Haram, whose name means "Western education is sacrilege" in the Hausa language of Nigeria's north. □

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Gunmen open fire on liquor stores in Iraq

SAMEER N. YACIOUB
Associated Press

HEROR, Iraq (AP) — A convoy of gunmen opened fire on a row of liquor stores in eastern Baghdad immediately after sunset on Tuesday, killing 11 people and wounding five others, officials said. Police said the gunmen were in four cars that had stopped in the area and attacked shortly after sunset. Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to media.

The attack in the Zayouna neighborhood came as the stores were at their peak business time, when

commuters buy alcohol on the way home from work. Police say the four liquor stores hit had been rebuilt after bombers destroyed them in a previous attack last year. Nobody claimed responsibility, although Islamic extremists have frequently targeted liquor stores in Iraq, where alcohol is available in most cities. Meanwhile in the country's north, the first Kurdish fighters entered Iraq from Turkey as part of a peace deal with Ankara to end a decades-long uprising despite Iraqi objections to the transfer.

The rebels' retreat to bases in Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish region is a key

stage in the peace process between the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, and the Turkish government, aimed at ending one of the world's bloodiest insurgencies.

The PKK declared a ceasefire in March, heeding a call from its imprisoned leader, Abdullah Ocalan, who is engaged in talks with Turkey to end a nearly 30-year battle that has cost tens of thousands of lives. Carrying rifles and hand grenades, the first 13 men and women arrived Tuesday in Heror in the Iraqi Kurdish area and were greeted by comrades serving refreshments of tea and cookies. □

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13 detained in Turkish bombings

SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Four more people have been detained in connection with two car bomb attacks that killed dozens in a Turkish town near the Syrian border, bringing the number of suspects in custody to 13, Turkey's prime minister said Tuesday.

cep Tayyip Erdogan said the death toll on Tuesday stood at 51 people, including five Syrians. Saturday's powerful bombings were the deadliest in Turkey in years, shattering the border town of Reyhanli, a main hub for Syrian refugees and rebels fighting against Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime.

Syria's civil war, trade issues and broader instability in the Middle East.

A statement carried by Syrian state television following a Cabinet meeting in Damascus put the blame for the bombings on Turkey and its support for the rebels.

"Accusing the Syrian state of these cowardly and terrorist acts is totally baseless," the statement said.

It added: "The Turkish government is responsible for the situation in the border areas through turning them into a haven and passage for the terrorists and allowing gunmen to use the Turkish lands to commit crimes against the Syrians."

Once a close ally of Syria, Turkey has turned into one of the Assad regime's harshest critics. It is a key supporter of the Syrian rebels, offering shelter for many senior and lower-ranking defected Syrian soldiers. Syria's Information Minister Omran al-Zoubi said later that Erdogan's government was "taking political advantage of Reyhanli's bombings." He said Syria would be willing to take part in a "joint and transparent investigation by special agencies in both countries."

Erdogan, who previously rejected the Syrian denial of involvement as a lie, dismissed the offer of a joint investigation.

"At the moment, there isn't a legitimate administration accepted by the Syrian people," Erdogan said. □



Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan addresses his supporters and lawmakers at the parliament in Ankara, Turkey, Tuesday, May 14, 2013. (AP Photo)

Syria again rejected Turkey's contention it was involved, condemning the attacks and offering to conduct a joint investigation of an attack it has blamed on Turkey.

Police were still searching for six other wanted suspects, Interior Minister Muammer Guler said. Turkish authorities have blamed the attack on a Marxist group with alleged links to the Syrian intelligence agency, but have not named the group.

Turkish Prime Minister Re-

In Washington, the White House condemned the bombings, vowing that the attack would only strengthen the U.S. resolve to fight instability and violence in the region.

"We stand with Turkey against such horrific violence," White House spokesman Jay Carney said Tuesday.

Carney said he fully expected the incident would come up Thursday in President Barack Obama's meetings with Erdogan in Washington, along with

UK: 7 men convicted of sex crimes against girls

GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Seven men were convicted in London on Tuesday for sexually abusing underage girls, including one who was just 11, by plying them with alcohol and drugs before forcing them to commit sex acts.

The guilty verdict followed five months of testimony indicating the pedophile sex ring exploited girls between 2004 and 2012 in the Oxford area, some 60 miles (95 kilometers) northwest of London. Charges include rape, trafficking and child prostitution.

The case follows several other high-profile ones of sex rings that took advantage of underage girls.

Chief prosecutor Baljit Ubhey said the girls were subjected to "truly appalling" abuse by a network of perpetrators.

"No one, let alone a child, should ever be exploited as these young victims were," she said. "The men who have been convicted have still failed to accept any responsibility for their crimes. They are nothing less than vicious sexual predators."

Prosecutors said seven of the men on trial were of Pakistani descent and two had family roots in North Africa. Other recent high profile cases, including one in Rochdale that involved a similar sex ring, have also involved Pakistani men convicted of abusing young white girls, in some cases sparking ethnic tensions and protests.

On Tuesday, Judge Peter Rook told the men that long prison sentences are "inevitable" because of the serious nature of the offenses. This case was slightly different in that it involved many instances of child prostitution. The girls were taken to various parts of Britain and forced to have sex with men who paid the convicted men for access to the girls. But as in the Rochdale case, it appeared the police missed opportunities to stop the cycle of

abuse.

Most of the victims — whose names cannot be released for legal reasons — gave evidence from behind a curtain at the five-month trial, describing forced encounters, physical abuse and intimidation.

One described how she was even threatened with arrest for wasting police time when she tried to report the abuse. She wept as she recounted how the gang threatened to burn her brother alive unless she had sex with them, saying that nothing happened

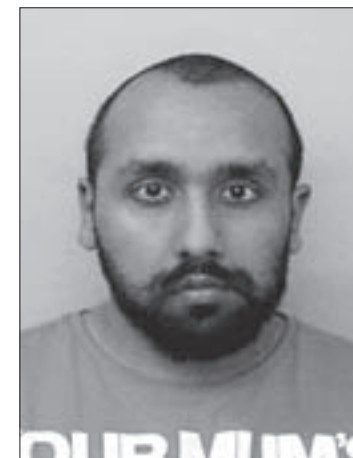


Photo shows Zeeshan Ahmed, 27, who along with six other men was convicted in London on Tuesday for sexually abusing underage girls, including one who was just 11, by plying them with alcohol and drugs before forcing them to commit sex acts.

(AP Photo)

after she went to police when she had decided to break away from her abusers. "They threatened on a number of occasions to arrest me for wasting police time for turning up at a police station in a state after running away," she told the court. "Any self-respecting police officer would have seen something was wrong. If you pick up a child who is covered in cigarette burns and bruises, something is fundamentally wrong."

One victim said she was "branded" with a hairpin after it was heated up to show that she was the property of one of the abusers. Another victim said the men told her she would be shot if she did not have sex with them. She was 14 at the time. □

Afghanistan: Roadside bomb kills 3 American troops

MATTHEW ROSENBERG
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KABUL, Afghanistan —

A roadside bomb tore through a U.S. military convoy in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing at least three soldiers in a volatile district of the Taliban heartland.

A number of other soldiers were wounded in the attack, some of them seriously, said Col. Thomas Collins, a spokesman for the coalition. The blast took place in Zhare district in Kanda-

har province, one of the central battlegrounds in the Obama administration's surge of forces into Afghanistan.

The district was largely under the control of the Taliban before the summer of 2010, when thousands of U.S. and Afghan troops poured into the area. The soldiers have since managed to push the Taliban from many of the mud-brick villages that dot the area.

But the U.S. force in Zhare

has been cut sharply over the past year, and the Taliban, who see the district as their home turf, remain a forceful presence. The district is still considered by the coalition to be among the most violent in Afghanistan. The attack on Tuesday was the second assault on coalition forces in two days. A day earlier, in the neighboring province of Helmand, three Georgian soldiers were killed by a truck bomb at their outpost. □

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EU to shift bill for bank failures to creditors

JUERGEN BAETZ
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — European Union governments want to shift the cost of rescuing troubled banks from taxpayers to the banks' creditors — including the holders of large deposits — as part of the region's plan to shore up its shaky financial system.

Finance ministers from the 27-country bloc meeting in Brussels on Tuesday sought to hammer out the new rules on how to fund bank rescues but their discussions showed that they were still far apart from agreeing the technicalities underpinning the project to build a Europe-wide banking union. That plan is key to strengthening the financial sector and avoid a repeat of the crisis.

"This is at the moment the biggest project for Europe," said Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem.

"It's absolutely important to get it right."

The bloc should move swiftly and get all elements of the banking union running by 2015, well before the initial deadline of 2018, added Dijsselbloem, who also chairs the meetings of the 17-country eurozone's finance ministers.

Tuesday's meeting focused on establishing a hierarchy of which bank creditors have to take losses in case the bank needs rescuing — to be involved in a "bail-in". The ministers mostly agreed that banks' shareholders and capital must take the first hit. After that, the pecking order becomes less clear, with junior and senior bondholders and, ultimately, all the banks' clients on the line.

Most ministers said holders of deposits of over 100,000 euros (\$130,000) — the EU's deposit insurance ceiling — could be forced to suffer losses as a last resort, said Irish Finance Minister Michael Noonan. Deposits below 100,000 euros, in turn, are "sacrosanct" and will always be protected, he added.

While making large depositors take a hit would help limit the losses borne by other classes of creditors, some ministers expressed worries it could jeopardize financial stability and scare off savers.

The issue has become important since the bailout for Cyprus, agreed on in March, inflicted losses on deposits over 100,000 euros at the country's two biggest banks. An initial proposal was to have all deposits suffer losses. The proposal, although quickly rejected, raised concerns and confusion across Europe on how bank creditors would be treated in future bank rescues.

The European Central Bank and EU officials have since called for the establishment of clear rules on the matter so that investors can gauge their risk beforehand.

Dijsselbloem, Britain's George Osborne and others also argued that — in addition to existing capital requirements — bigger banks should be forced to hold a certain amount of investments that can be used to pay for potential rescue operations.

The ECB, which is set to become the supervisor of the bloc's banks, said it will push hard for a swift agreement on all elements of the bloc's banking union, in-

cluding a central authority with the power to rescue or unwind ailing banks.

The establishment of the banking union will get credit flowing again to

some of the eurozone's troubled nations, helping to "kickstart growth and employment," said ECB executive board member Joerg Asmussen.

But Germany, Europe's biggest economy, was at odds with Asmussen's comments. It argues that the creation of some parts of the banking union will require changes to the EU's treaties, which is a cumbersome and time-consuming procedure.

The finance ministers also sought to push ahead on two fronts in the fight against tax evasion, but could only secure agreement on one initiative due to a fight-back from two of its members. □



French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici, center, talks with Swedish Finance Minister Anders Borg, left, and British Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne, during the EU finance ministers meeting, at the European Council building in Brussels, Tuesday, May 14, 2013. (AP Photo/Yves Logghe)



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Puerto Rico nabs \$30M 'green' project

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's governor has announced a \$30 million investment to install solar panels at the island's main convention center while making a call for more renewable energy projects. Alejandro Garcia Padilla said Tuesday that the panels would produce 5 megawatts an hour for a total of \$20.7 million in savings. Garcia also signed executive orders to establish committees charged with creating a renewable energy policy and coordinating such projects. The governor said he also was canceling a project to build a wind farm in the popular beach of Flamenco in the neighboring island of Culebra, stating it wasn't viable. □

Mexico arrests 2 men in machete attack

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Prosecutors in western Mexico have arrested two men in a vicious machete attack on a group of campers that wounded three people. The attorney general's office in western Jalisco state says the two men confessed to attacking the group of more than 20 campers over the weekend and robbing them of money and cellphones. Those arrested are being charged with raping some of the campers, as well as attempted homicide and other charges. The office said in a statement the men said they had been drinking and taking drugs before the attack. The pair allegedly committed five other robberies. □

Man charged in student's death on bail

ROSEAU, Dominica (AP) — A boat captain who organizes whale-watching tours in Dominica has been granted bail as he awaits trial in the death of a U.S. college student hit by a boat propeller. Andrew Armour, who is from Dominica, was released Tuesday on \$37,000 bond and ordered to surrender his passport and report to police twice a week. Prosecutors had argued that Armour should also be barred from operating boats, but a judge denied that request. Armour was charged with manslaughter in December after police say he was captain of a boat that hit Casey Schulman of Falls Church, Virginia. Armour has not yet entered a plea. □

Mexico suspect tries to pressure police

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A driver who tried to escape arrest by claiming political connections faces manslaughter charges because the woman she hit with her Porsche last week in Mexico City died of her injuries. An employee of the Mexico City prosecutor's office said Tuesday that victim died late Monday at a Mexico City hospital. The employee was not authorized to be quoted by name. Prosecutors say suspect Dalia Ortega was intoxicated when she crashed the car, and threatened that a well-placed friend would fire any policeman who tried to detain her after the accident. They took her into custody anyway. □

Guyana sugar production hits new lows

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Officials in Guyana are reporting the worst sugar harvest in decades, citing bad weather and a labor shortage in the South American country. State-owned Guyana Sugar Corp. says production from the first of the two annual harvests came in at nearly 53,000 tons. That's well short of the projected 78,000 tons (71,000 metric tons). Member of Parliament and leader of the country's agricultural workers union Komal Chand said the country will be able to make its export quotas to the European Union and other markets. Sugar generates about 20% of Guyana's gross domestic product. □

After violent attacks: Eviction fears haunt Haiti camps

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Associated Press
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti
(AP)** — Attorney Reynold

Georges showed up with a judge and a police officer on a recent afternoon at Camp Acra, a cluster of tents and plywood shelters scattered across rocky hills dotted with trees in the heart of the Haitian capital.

The lawyer told the camp of some 30,000 people that they were squatting on his land and had to leave, witnesses said. If they didn't vacate, he said he'd have

eral shelters burned and a camp resident dead. It occurred a little more than a week before the human rights group Amnesty International issued a report on the jump in camp evictions in Haiti over the past year. "This terrible event is proof of the consequences of continuing forced evictions in Haiti," Javier Zuniga, a special adviser to Amnesty International, said in a statement about the standoff. "They have been living in camps with appalling living conditions. As if this were not enough, they

"There are some private owners that do it, but the government itself does not condone that."

Haitians displaced by the earthquake are entitled to special legal protection under the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, which prohibit forced evictions unless necessary to protect the safety and health of those affected. National authorities are responsible for protecting and providing humanitarian assistance to those displaced people. By all accounts, clearing



**Darlin Lexima speaks on the phone as he walks through Camp Acra in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)**

the place burned down and leveled by bulldozers. Camp leader Elie Joseph Jean-Louis said other angry residents, who had lost their homes in a catastrophic 2010 earthquake, fought back by lobbing rocks at Georges and the people he had come with. The camp residents managed to protect their homes that day but they also brought to life a far-reaching problem.

In the few weeks since the mid-April confrontation, their plight has become a symbol for what many say is the growing use of threats and sometimes outright violence to clear out sprawling displaced person camps, where some 320,000 Haitians still live. The standoff set off a chain of events that left sev-

are threatened with forced evictions and, eventually, made homeless again."

Georges tells a different story. The former senator, whose most famous law client is former dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, denied that he had threatened residents, saying he was only there to show officials what he said was his land.

"If they said that, they are crooks and liars," Georges said of camp residents.

After Amnesty released its report, Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamonthe told The Associated Press that the government of President Michel Martelly was in fact trying to stop the evictions.

The government does not "believe in forced evictions," Lamonthe said.

the camps in a humane way reflects the epic challenge that Haiti still faces more than three years after one of the worst natural disasters in modern history. The earthquake killed more than 200,000 people and displaced as many as 1.5 million others, a staggering number in a country of 10 million.

In its aftermath, settlements such as Acra sprang up around the crowded capital where land runs scarce, with people building shelters with debris, tree branches, salvaged timber, tarps from aid groups and bed sheets. The camps eventually became miniature cities with their own stores, barber shops, bars and churches. About 385 of the settlements are still standing. □



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Aruba hosts 35th Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council Conference



ORANJESTAD –The 35th conference of CCLEC (Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council) kicked off on Aruba May 13th at the Westin Aruba Resort and Casino. CCLEC consists of 38 members of different Caribbean Countries whose sole purpose is to have better management and cooperation in the Caribbean regarding

the situation of illegal frontier movement, including modernizing and equipping Customs with new tools and assistance for the Region. The Council of Caribbean Customs, established in a Memorandum of Understanding, was confident in their choice of Aruba as the host country for their 35th annual conference. □

By re-introducing rap & poetry to the program:

Art Rules Aruba celebrates 10 years of Papiamento!

ORANJESTAD - RBC Royal Bank's 4th edition of the number one international Arts program that brings teachers from different Art disciplines to Aruba to teach about 250 young kids is returning with the workshop Rap & Poetry. The workshop that debuted in 2010 and returned to the program in 2011 was replaced for the new workshop Music & Performance in 2012. As 2013 marks the year of Papiamento producers of Art Rules Aruba decided that the art of words, literature and the performance of it should find its place back into the program and celebrate the 10 years of Papiamento with this year's ARA students.

"Our native language which became inferior to Dutch, because of the island's colonial history, made its way into government in the 50ties then moving into our schools in the 80ties. However, Papiamento did not become an official language in the

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization also known as UNESCO until 2003. We believe that this is a great time to celebrate our own



culture and bring it back to Art Rules". Stated by the Pancake Gallery. As Art Rules Aruba is all about education based on new perspectives in combination with local heritage the program wants to celebrate this milestone with it's students by re-introducing Rap & Poetry and build a curriculum for students that teaches young Aruban teens to be proud of their language and that Rap or

Poetry is just as significant in Papiamento as in any other language. Students of the rap & poetry workshop will learn traditional rules of the art of poetry as well as

more contemporary forms of free writing. This workshop will further explore the writing of short stories and monologues in both English and Papiamento. To achieve these goals the Pancake Gallery introduces a great combination of knowledge, talent and skills with this year's teachers, Rosabelle Illes and Breis. Breis is Hip Hop lyricist based in London. He confidently draws from his Ni-

gerian musical heritage and also incorporates Yoruba and Pidgin English into some of his lyrics. BREIS is also the CEO of Student of Life Ltd, a Hip Hop education company passionate about inspiring young people to explore their creativity and improving their literacy skills. In 2011, BREIS published the UK's first interactive rap book entitled 'Brilliant Rappers Educate Intelligent Students'. He has toured internationally

and shared the stage with artists like Black Thought, Nneka, Les Nubians, Fela Kuti's drummer Tony Allen, Angie Stone and Kim Burrell. In 2012 Breis was invited to speak at a TEDxYouth conference, the free knowledge international speaking conference that has featured the world's most inspired thinkers from Apple's Steve Jobs to Bill Gates and a few more amazing ideologists along the way. □

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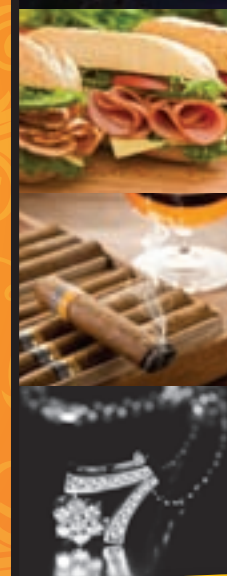
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Alhambra Casino holds Awards Program for their employees

ORANJESTAD – Yesterday, during lunch time, management of the Alhambra Casino and Shops held their Awards Program for employees who excelled in attendance as well as the Anniversary Awards for employees who worked for the casino 5 years or more. An opening speech was made by Ms. Susan Varnes, Chief Operations Officer of Treasure Bay Corporation, followed by a delightful lunch. Afterwards was the presentation of Perfect Attendance & Anniversary Awards. Congratulations to all who received the awards as well as the honorees! □





Djokovic and Federer show improved form in Rome

ANDREW DAMPF
AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer appear back on track after early losses in Madrid last week.

Top-ranked Djokovic quickly overcame an early break to cruise past Spanish qualifier Albert Montanes 6-2, 6-3 and second-seeded Federer routed Italian wild card Potito Starace 6-1, 6-2 Tuesday to reach the third round of the Italian Open. Djokovic dropped his serve to fall behind 2-1 in the opening set but broke back immediately and took control from there against his 32-year-old opponent.

The six-time Grand Slam champion didn't appear to have any problem with his right ankle, which he twisted while representing Serbia in the Davis Cup in April then appeared to hurt again in a loss to Grigor Dimitrov at the Madrid Open last week.

"It was a good performance for a start, although I know I can do better," Djokovic said. "My game has to be better for the next challenge. I didn't have a good week in Madrid but I came here early and did a lot of practice." Djokovic didn't practice for 12 days between winning the Monte Carlo Masters in April and the start of the Madrid tournament.

"I was playing with a degree of injury," he said. "With Paris and London coming up I need to be 100 percent. ... the positive thing is that my ankle is well and I'm playing without pain, and I did not want an injury in the most important part of the year."

Djokovic has reached the final in four of the five past years at the Foro Italico, winning the title in 2008



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to Italy's Potito Starace during their match at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome, Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

Associated Press

and 2011.

Federer has never won in Rome, with his best results being two runner-up finishes. He lost the 2003 final to Felix Mantila and in 2006 dropped a fifth-set tiebreaker to Rafael Nadal.

After a seven-week break from the tennis circuit, Federer returned to action last week and got his clay-court season off to a difficult start with a third-round loss to Kei Nishikori of Japan.

Against Starace, however, Federer never struggled, with the Foro Italico crowd's support for the local favorite proving useless. "I feel the way I want to feel," Federer said. "I'm happy that from start to finish I was able to control the outcome of the match."

Also reaching the third round were seventh-seeded Juan Martin del Potro, who beat Andrey Kuznetsov of Russia 6-3, 6-2; and ninth-seeded Richard

Gasquet, who defeated Dimitrov 6-4, 6-4; while Kevin Anderson of South Africa eliminated 11th-seeded Marin Cilic 6-3, 7-6 (7).

Two seeded players were upset in the first round.

Julien Benneteau of France dispatched 12th-seeded Nicolas Almagro 7-6 (2), 6-4; and Mikhail Youzhny beat 13th-seeded Tommy Haas 6-4, 6-3 in a matchup of tour veterans.

In other first-round matches, 15th-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka — fresh off a runner-up result in Madrid — rallied past Carlos Berlocq of Argentina 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

In the women's second round, Simona Halep of Romania upset fourth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska 6-7 (2), 6-1, 6-2; and eighth-seeded Petra Kvitova over-

came a second-set lapse to beat Sabine Lisicki of Germany 6-4, 0-6, 7-5.

In the opening round, former No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki lost to 48th-ranked Bojana Jovanovski 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

The 10th-seeded Wozniacki wasted a 5-2 lead in the third-set tiebreaker. The Dane has struggled on clay this season, losing to Yaroslava Shvedova in the first round in Madrid and to Carla Suarez Navarro in her first match last month in Stuttgart, Germany.

Meanwhile, Urszula Radwanska of Poland ousted 15th-seeded Ana Ivanovic 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; and 16th-seeded Sloane Stephens of the United States dispatched local favorite Flavia Pennetta 6-3, 6-3. □

America's Cup officials say race will continue

PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The America's Cup will go on as planned after the death of a sailor during a training run last week on San Francisco Bay, officials said on Tuesday.

America's Cup officials made the announcement at a news conference in San Francisco.

The officials also said they expected all four entrants to compete, including Artemis Racing.

One of Artemis' two boats was badly damaged when it capsized and broke into pieces Thursday. Strategist Andrew "Bart" Simpson was trapped under the wreckage for more than 10 minutes and was pronounced dead shortly after the accident.

The 72-foot catamaran was attempting to change

direction and turn downwind when it capsized, officials have said. Though difficult, the maneuver was considered normal.

One hull snapped. Investigators will have to determine whether a structural problem caused the catamaran to flip, or if the capsize broke the boat. Last fall, Artemis said the front beam of the catamaran was damaged during structural tests, delaying the boat's christening.

Oracle Racing won the last America's Cup in 2010 in Spain, and its owner, billionaire Larry Ellison, picked the San Francisco Bay to defend the cup. Three teams have signed up to challenge and are scheduled to begin racing one another in July to determine who will take on Oracle. The finals against Oracle begin in August. □

NBA Roundup

James, Heat beat Bulls
88-65 for 3-1 series lead

CHICAGO (AP) — LeBron James scored 27 points as the Miami Heat nearly matched a club record for points conceded in a playoff game, dominating the listless and short-handed Chicago Bulls 88-65 on Monday to take a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

At Memphis Tennessee, Tony Allen scored on a driving layup to open overtime as the Grizzlies beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 103-97 to push the defending Western Conference champions to the edge of elimination.

The Bulls' 65 points were just two more than the all-time postseason low for a Miami opponent, and it was easily the worst offensive performance by a Chicago team.

Never before had the Bulls

scored fewer than 69 in a playoff game or 10 in a quarter during the postseason, but both those marks fell on a night when they were dominated on both ends of the floor.

Miami led by 11 at the half and put this one away in the third quarter, outscoring Chicago 17-9 in the period.

"We worked for it," said Heat forward Chris Bosh. "I never like to say that things are easy."

The defending champion Heat will try to wrap up the series at home Wednesday.

James had his usual complete game with eight assists and seven rebounds Monday.

Bosh finished with 14 points after scoring 20 and grabbing 19 rebounds in Game 3, and the Heat won again

despite another quiet night from Dwyane Wade (six points), whose right knee was bothering him again. He appeared to aggravate it on a fallaway jumper during the game but was able to return after getting re-taped.

"It's frustrating at times, but you just try to do what you can," Wade said.

The Grizzlies shook off a first half in which they couldn't hit shots and the Thunder seemingly couldn't miss in building their largest lead in this series at 17 points. But the Grizzlies have yet to lose on their home court this postseason, and they won their third straight and seventh in eight games to grab a 3-1 lead in the series.

Game 5 is Wednesday night in Oklahoma City.

The Grizzlies outscored the



Miami Heat forward LeBron James (6) goes up for a shot against Chicago Bulls forward Jimmy Butler (21) during the first half of Game 4 of an NBA basketball playoffs Eastern Conference semifinal on Monday, May 13, 2013, in Chicago.

Thunder 9-3 in overtime.

Kevin Durant scored 27

points but missed all five of his shots in overtime. □



Rigoberto Uran, of Colombia, celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the 10th stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, from Cordenons to Altopiano del Montasio, Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Associated Press

ALTOPIANO DEL MONTASIO, Italy (AP) — Colombian rider Rigoberto Uran won the first big mountain stage of the Giro d'Italia on Tuesday, and Vincenzo Nibali held onto the overall lead after the 10th leg.

Pre-race favorite Bradley Wiggins dropped further behind on the steep, uphill finish, while defending champion Ryder Hesjedal dropped out of contention on the first climb.

The 26-year-old Uran, who rides for Wiggins' Sky team

and won the best young rider's jersey during last year's race, clocked more than 4 ½ hours over the 167-kilometer (104-mile) leg from Cordenons to Altopiano del Montasio, which featured two difficult climbs, including a long, grueling uphill finish.

It was Uran's first victory in a Grand Tour.

"It nice to finally be able to finish off a victory," he said. Another Colombian, Carlos Betancour, finished 20 seconds behind in second.

Uran wins 1st mountain
leg; Nibali keeps Giro lead

Nibali, an Italian with Astana, won a sprint for third, 31 seconds back to keep the pink jersey. Mauro Santambrogio was fourth and 2011 Tour de France winner Cadel Evans crossed fifth, both also 31 seconds back. Wiggins crossed 10th, 1:08 back. Nibali earned an eight-second bonus for finishing third and increased his lead over Evans to 41 seconds. Uran moved up from ninth to third, 2:04 back. Wiggins remained fourth but now trails by 2:05, while Robert Gesink of the Netherlands is fifth, 2:12 behind.

Michele Scarponi, the 2011 Giro winner, dropped from fifth to sixth.

"Today could have been a difficult day because it followed a rest day," Nibali said. "Wiggins lost some time. I was worried about Scarponi, but he also lost something. At this point, I think Evans becomes one

of the most dangerous opponents.

"I have a decent lead on Uran and just as much on Wiggins. I think we'll keep an eye on both of them. I won't know Sky's strategy but we'll try to figure it out." Henao, another strong Colombian climber for Sky, is 19th overall. "We had three cards to play — me, (Sergio) Henao and Wiggins — and it worked for me today," Uran said. "We have the strongest team. ... Both Henao and I know that our job is to help Bradley. But then of course we'll see day by day what happens."

The first climb over the Cason di Lanza pass lasted 14.5 kilometers (9 miles) at gradients as high as 16 percent with snow lining the road. The finishing climb to Montasio, in the Giro for the first time, lasted 21.9 kilometers (13.6 miles) with leg-breaking stretches at

20 percent gradients.

Earlier this year, fans were allowed to send in messages for the stage via Twitter, which were printed on the road leading up to Montasio, which is located in the northeastern corner of Italy.

The stage began with a 13-man breakaway, which fell apart on the first climb. Nibali had a tire puncture but quickly caught back up to the main pack with the help of his teammates. On the finishing climb, Sky rode up front to set up Uran's attack with 8 kilometers (5 miles) to go.

Before Tuesday's start, German sprinter John Degenkolb withdrew. He won the fifth stage.

Stage 11 Wednesday is a 182-kilometer (113-mile) leg from Tarvisio to Vajont featuring two category-2 climbs.

The race ends May 26 in Brescia. □

AL Capsules

Yankees win 7-0, split doubleheader with Indians

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Vidal Nuno pitched five innings of three-hit ball to win his first major league start, and Vernon Wells and Lyle Overbay had two RBIs apiece as the New York Yankees beat the Cleveland Indians 7-0 Monday for a doubleheader split.

Justin Masterson pitched a four-hitter for his third career shutout as the Indians won the opener 1-0 and stopped the Yankees' five-game winning streak.

Pitching in just his second game for the Yankees, Nuno (1-1) walked three and struck out three. The former Cleveland draft pick became the only left-hander other than CC Sabathia or Andy Pettitte to start for New York since 2008. Yankees rookie Adam Warren finished the five-hitter for his first big league save.

New York chased Trevor Bauer (1-2) during a six-run seventh and handed the Indians just their third loss in 16 games. In the opener, Masterson (6-2) gave up four singles — only one reached the outfield — for his third career shutout and

second this season. The right-hander also blanked the Chicago White Sox on April 12.

Jason Kipnis homered in the first inning off David Phelps (1-2) for the Indians, outscored 25-7 by the Yankees in two losses last month. Consecutive postponements back then forced the teams back to Progressive Field for a one-admission twinbill.

ATHLETICS 5, RANGERS 1
OAKLAND, California (AP) — Yoenis Cespedes and Brandon Moss hit consecutive home runs and A.J. Griffin matched his season high with eight strikeouts to lead Oakland over Texas. It was Texas' first trip to Oakland since being swept in the final three games of the 2012 regular season and coughing up the AL West title to the surprising A's. The Rangers (24-14) arrived in the Bay Area having won seven of nine and began the day with the best record in the majors, but again ran into their division nemesis.

Griffin (4-3) went seven innings and didn't walk a batter for the first time this season. He improved to



New York Yankees starting pitcher Vidal Nuno pitches in the first inning in the second baseball game of a doubleheader against the Cleveland Indians, Monday, May 13, 2013, in Cleveland.

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3-0 in four starts against division opponents. Mitch Moreland homered to give the Rangers the lead in

the second, then Eric Sogard and John Jaso hit RBI singles for the A's in the bottom half. Texas had its

four-game winning streak snapped. Justin Grimm (2-3) lost his third straight.

TIGERS 7, ASTROS 2

DETROIT (AP) — Andy Dirks hit his first career grand slam, part of a six-run fourth inning for Detroit against Houston. Victor Martinez also homered for the Tigers, who swept four straight in Houston earlier this month and opened this three-game series at Comerica Park with another convincing victory. Anibal Sanchez (4-3) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings for the Tigers. He struck out eight with one walk.

Bud Norris (4-4) allowed seven runs and nine hits in five innings before leaving with lower back spasms. Houston has lost five straight and 15 of 18 — and the Astros also lost stand-out second baseman Jose Altuve in the second with a jaw injury after he collided with right fielder Jimmy Paredes on a popup.

Dirks finished a triple shy of the cycle — a fine performance in the leadoff spot after Austin Jackson went on the disabled list earlier in the day with a pulled left hamstring. □



New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist (30), from Sweden, greets Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin (8), from Russia, after Game 7 first-round NHL Stanley Cup playoff hockey series, Monday, May 13, 2013 in Washington. The Rangers won 5-0.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The New York Rangers will play the Boston Bruins in the Eastern Conference semifinals after the teams won the seventh games of their first round playoff series Monday.

Led by Henrik Lundqvist's 35 saves in a second con-

secutive shutout, and goals from some unlikely sources, the Rangers beat the Washington Capitals 5-0.

New York contained Alex Ovechkin again and completed its comeback after trailing in the series 2-0 and 3-2 — the latest in Washing-

Rangers to play Bruins in NHL playoffs 2nd round

ton's long history of playoff collapses.

It is the first time New York won a Game 7 on the road in its history.

Arron Asham put New York ahead in the first period, before Taylor Pyatt and Michael Del Zotto made it 3-0 early in the second on goals 2:10 apart.

Ryan Callahan added a goal 13 seconds into the third period, and when Mats Zuccarello scored with about 13½ minutes remaining, thousands of red-clad fans streamed to the exits.

Soon after, when Lundqvist fell forward to smother a puck, chants of "Hen-reeek! Hen-reeek!" from the no-longer-outnumbered Rangers supporters

rose in the arena.

From the moment Mike Ribeiro's overtime goal gave Washington a Game 5 victory, Lundqvist was simply superb. The Swede stopped all 62 shots he faced in Games 6 and 7, showing exactly why he won the Vezina Trophy as the league's top goalie last season and is a finalist this season. At Boston, Patrice Bergeron equalized with 51 seconds left in regulation then scored the game-winner 6:05 into overtime to give Boston a 5-4 victory over the Maple Leafs.

Tuukka Rask stopped 24 shots for Boston, which led the best-of-seven series 3-1 before the Maple Leafs won two in a row to force a seventh game.

Toronto opened a 4-1 lead in the third period of the decisive game, but Boston cut the deficit to two midway through the third period and then scored twice in the final 82 seconds to force overtime.

James Reimer made 30 saves for the Maple Leafs. Cody Franson scored twice, and former Bruin Phil Kessel had a goal and an assist for Toronto.

The win completed an up-and-down weekend for Boston, which won Games 3 and 4 in Toronto last week to put the Maple Leafs on the brink of elimination, but failed to clinch at home on Friday and again in Game 6 when the series returned to the Air Canada Centre. □

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NL Capsules

Upton huge game in his return to Arizona

The Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Justin Upton snapped a 14-game homerless drought and had four hits to help the Atlanta Braves rout the Arizona Diamondbacks 10-1 on Monday in his return to Arizona. Upton, the first overall pick by Arizona in the 2005 amateur draft, was playing his first game at Chase Field since the offseason trade that sent him and third baseman Chris Johnson to Atlanta in a seven-player deal. Upton followed his brother B.J., who was hit on the left shoulder by Wade Miley (3-2) to lead off the sixth, and powered a fast-ball onto the porch above the center field fence for his 13th home run and first since April 27 at Detroit. Johnson hit a two-run homer to cap Atlanta's three-run fifth and Brian McCann also homered for the Braves, who ended a three-game losing streak. Braves starter Mike Minor (5-2) allowed one run on eight hits over 6 2-3 innings. **NATIONALS 6, DODGERS 2** **LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Jordan Zimmermann won his NL and major league-leading seventh game, Ryan Zimmerman drove in three runs and the Nationals defeated the Dodgers after losing Bryce Harper in a violent collision with the wall in right field. Zimmermann (7-1) allowed nine hits and two runs in 7 2/3 innings, struck out five and walked none. Harper left the game in the fifth after hitting the scoreboard wall face-first while tracking a ball hit by A.J. Ellis over his left shoulder. He never looked at the wall

and when he finally turned, he was on top of it. The impact sent Harper's cap flying as he bounced off the wall and crumpled to the ground, with Ellis getting a triple. Harper rolled onto his back and eventually got up under his own power. Streaks of blood were evident on his neck as he walked off the field. There was no immediate update on his condition before the game ended. He was playing just his second game after missing two with an ingrown toenail that required surgery. Josh Beckett (0-5) gave up four runs — two earned — and three hits in three innings while striking out five and walking two. **CUBS 9, ROCKIES 1** **CHICAGO (AP)** — Travis Wood pitched seven scoreless innings and the Cubs came within two outs of their first shutout since last August in a win over the Rockies. Alfonso Soriano homered for Chicago, which has won three straight for the second time this season. The Cubs' 14 hits were one short of a season high. Josh Rutledge hit a home run off Carlos Marmol with one out in the ninth, ruining the Cubs' bid for their first shutout win since they beat Colorado on Aug. 26. The Cubs have gone 74 games between shutouts, their longest streak since going 75 in a row from May 15 until Aug. 6, 1999, according to STATS. Wood (4-2) allowed two hits while striking out two for his major league-leading eighth quality start. He's

the first Cubs pitcher since Hippo Vaughn in 1919 to start with eight quality starts. **CARDINALS 6, METS 3** **ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Lance Lynn overcame early control woes as St. Louis used a three-run seventh inning to beat the Mets. Lynn (6-1) allowed three runs on three hits and four walks the first two innings. He only gave up one hit and one walk in his last five innings. He is 4-0 at home this season. Rick Ankiel, signed by the Mets earlier in the day after clearing waivers and playing against the team

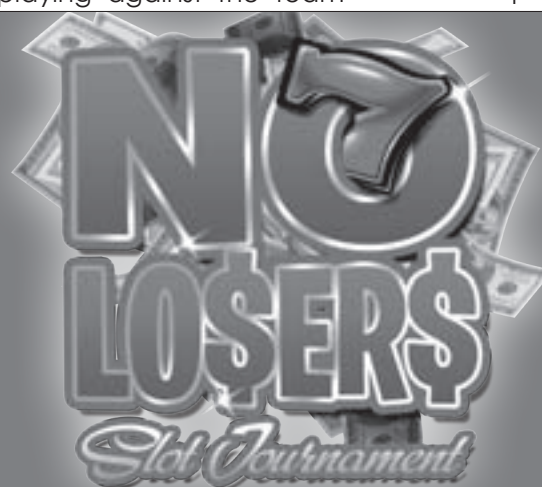


Atlanta Braves' Justin Upton, right, celebrates his two-run home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks, his former team, with teammate and brother B.J. Upton during the sixth inning of a baseball game, on Monday, May 13, 2013, in Phoenix.

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that revived his career as a position player, just missed a diving catch on Ty Wigginton's pinch-hit bloop double to shallow center off Scott Rice (1-3) to open the seventh. Matt Carpenter followed

Wigginton's hit with a sharp grounder off Rice's leg and the ball rolled into foul territory down the first-base line. Wigginton never stopped running and his head-first slide barely beat the tag to snap a 3-3 tie. □



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How Sweet It Is!

By: Dr Carlos Viana

Sugar, like honey, darling, or 'Dushi' in our native language Papiamentu, are terms of endearment which come from that sweet tasting substance we often give our children or ourselves as a reward. Sweet! Or, is it?

Everyone knows that sugar leads to tooth decay and obesity. But, what is sugar? Studies show that when whole foods such as fruits are eaten, naturally occurring sugars are released slowly during digestion into the blood stream and can be used by the body for energy. However, when foods with "added" sugars such as soft drinks or candy are eaten, absorption is rapid. This rapid absorption causes the blood sugar level to quickly rise and then fall weakening the body's natural supply of nutrients leading to numerous health problems.

Actually, there are three types of sugars. They include: synthetic, regular; and sugar- alcohols. The different sugars are not created equal; in fact they behave quite differently in our bodies. We can evaluate the obesity causing or weight gain possibility of a food by checking the food's Glycemic Index.

The glycemic index or GI describes this difference by ranking foods according to their effect on our blood glucose levels. Carbohydrates that break down quickly during digestion and release glucose rapidly into the bloodstream have a high GI; carbohydrates that break down more slowly, releasing glucose more gradually into the bloodstream, have a low GI. Choosing low GI foods - the ones that produce only

small fluctuations in our blood glucose and insulin levels - is the secret to long-term health reducing your risk of heart disease and diabetes and is the key to sustainable weight loss.

Artificial sweeteners, also called sugar substitutes, are manmade chemicals found while trying to develop new insecticides. These chemicals are used instead of table sugar to sweeten foods and beverages. Every artificial sugar has been shown to produce cancer in laboratory animals! Aspartame has been linked to panic attacks, mood changes, visual hallucinations, manic episodes, and isolated dizziness. As if these facts are not enough, saccharin can also cause anemia, or "tired blood".

There are more problems for artificial sugars. Artificial sweeteners like Splenda and Sweet'N Low have been popular for decades, as a way to enjoy sweet foods and beverages and not gain the weight associated with sugar. However, studies from Purdue University shows that these artificial chemicals can actually make people eat more, contributing to the obesity epidemic.

By the way, I rank high fructose corn syrup as an artificial sugar. In your body High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) cannot be broken down and used for energy and, instead converts to fat. HFCS has a Glycemic Index (GI) of 100. Ouch, 100 is the highest GI number possible.

We informed, Clinical Nutritionists have known all along that natural sugar is not the enemy it once was

thought for managing diabetes. Doctors used to feel that eating sugar would spike blood glucose levels too high and too fast. All natural sugars are carbohydrates which are broken down and used for energy or metabolized at the same rate as any carbohydrate. Natural sugar can be consumed as part of your total carbohydrates for that day. Planning your total daily carbs and having a small portion of a favorite dessert made with a natural sugar is not necessarily a bad thing. Unfortunately, many foods that contain artificial sweeteners end up having more calories and fat than they would have had when made with sugar. The Glycemic Index of real brown sugar is 70, white sugar is 68, maple syrup is 65 and honey is 55.

The third type of sugars is sugar alcohols. These are neither sugar nor alcohol. Small amounts are found naturally in fruits and vegetables. They can also be manufactured and include: Lactitol, Maltitol, Mannitol, Polyols, Sorbitol, Polydextrose Xylitol and several more. These alcohol-sugars are only partly absorbed by your body, increase blood glucose more slowly and have fewer calories than regular sugar.

One of these, Xylitol, is easily produced and has become widely available. I recommend Xylitol often to our patients. There's more, Xylitol can be used the same way as white or brown sugar, tastes nearly the same, but is very low in calories for those counting and the Glycemic Index for Xylitol is only 7! This puts xylitol in the same category as foods such as vegetables, beans, whole grains, and nuts. How sweet is that?

With such a low Glycemic Index, xylitol is a natural for people with insulin

resistance. Xylitol can help insulin carry blood sugar into your cells for conversion to energy. This means that xylitol can improve the effects of diabetes medication. Diabetics should remember to eat a meal when they take their medication.

Discovered in the 1890's, xylitol underwent intensive studies in the 1960's and 70's. Xylitol is now used in Europe, the Soviet Union, the United States and Canada. In 1983, the World Health Organization Expert Committee on Food Additives evaluated Xylitol as safe.

The news gets even better. A recent study noted xylitol significantly reduced the ability of bacteria to produce dental cavities. Many studies have proven xylitol's usefulness in promoting wound-healing and interruption of bacterial colonies. Xylitol was even shown to help reduce antibiotic resistance and uncontrolled Staph. aureus infections. There have also been several studies looking at Xylitol's effectiveness against Strep pneumonia, the major bacteria in both sinus and ear infections. Medical research on xylitol suggests a new approach for prevention and treatment of infection without the concern about antibiotic resistance and overuse or inappropriate usage of medications. Wow! I love sending people to cleanse their sinuses in our warm Caribbean sea, but if you can't get ocean, Xylitol comes in a nasal spray. Besides using Xylitol as a sweetener, products containing Xylitol like toothpaste, mouthwash, even dental gum, are proving themselves to be very effective.

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Update to address Windows 8 confusion will be free

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A planned Windows 8 update to address complaints and confusion with Microsoft's new operating system will be made available for free this year, the company said Tuesday. Microsoft also announced a name for the update: Windows 8.1.

Not charging extra for Windows 8.1 is consistent with the company's practice of offering "decimal point" updates to operating systems for free.

However, when Microsoft Corp. announced the update last week, it didn't say that it would be free. The company also hadn't disclosed the system's formal name, leaving open the possibility that it would be a larger update, perhaps to Windows 9. The update had been known simply by its code name, Blue.

Tami Reller, the marketing and financial chief for Microsoft's Windows business, said the company wants to assure customers that they can buy Windows 8 now and still get the benefits of Windows 8.1 later.

Microsoft overhauled its operating system with the release of Windows 8 in October. The changes are meant to address the growing popularity of smartphones and tablet devices, which are siphoning sales from desktops and laptops — traditional

strongholds for Microsoft.

The company designed Windows 8 to work with touch-screen controls popular on mobile devices, while also allowing people to use mouse and keyboard commands.

However, Windows 8 has confused a lot of users. Gone is the familiar start button that gave people quick access to programs and settings.

To change settings, people must pull out a drawer of icons from the side, using a different maneuver depending on whether the control is through touch or a mouse.

Windows 8 offers a new start screen filled with tiles that link to frequently used programs, but some programs work only in a desktop mode that resemble older versions of Windows — but without the start button. Windows 8 doesn't let people automatically start in that desktop mode.

One leading research firm, International Data Corp., said Windows 8 contributed to a 14 percent decline in worldwide PC sales during the first three months of the year — the biggest year-over-year drop ever.

Reller offered few details about Windows 8.1, but she reiterated that it will be better suited for smaller, less expensive tablets with 7- and 8-inch display screens. That could allow Windows 8 devices to compete with Apple's iPad Mini and



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer gives his presentation at the launch of Microsoft Windows 8, in New York, in this Oct. 25, 2012 file photo.

Associated Press

similar-size tablets from Amazon.com Inc., Samsung Electronics Co. and Google Inc.

Reller said the company will make it easy for consumers to get the update from the start screen.

She said the company also hopes some devices will have Windows 8.1 already installed by the time the update is ready. The company didn't offer a specific date, but the update is ex-

pected in time for the holiday season. Microsoft plans to make a preview version available next month for anyone to download.

Microsoft said it has sold more than 100 million Windows 8 licenses so far. Most of those are to PC makers such as Hewlett-Packard Co. and Dell Inc. to ship with new machines sold to individuals and businesses. Microsoft also sold upgrades from previous ver-

sions. Current prices start at \$120, though some customers had been eligible for \$15 upgrades.

Microsoft, which has its headquarters in Redmond, Washington, made the announcement at JP Morgan's Technology, Media and Telecom Conference in Boston on Tuesday.

Microsoft's stock rose 45 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$33.25 in midday trading Tuesday. □

Microsoft embraces a Google service for a change

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Microsoft's disdain for Google doesn't extend to all of its rival's products.

In a rare bit of cooperation, Microsoft's Outlook.com is giving users of its free email

service the option of logging into Google Chat to exchange instant messages and engage in audio or video conversations.

The tie-in announced Tuesday represents an uneasy alliance in the midst of a typically contentious rela-

tionship between Microsoft Corp. and Google Inc.

Microsoft is framing its embrace of Google Chat as an example of how it's trying to help connect people who rely on various services to interact with one another. □

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Markets march back into record territory

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AP Markets Writer
NEW YORK (AP) —

The stock market marched back into record territory as investors seized on the latest encouraging news about the economy. On Tuesday, it was a report on the health of small businesses.

Small business owners were slightly more optimistic in April, according to a survey by the National Federation of Independent Business. That helped push the Russell 2000, an index of small-company stocks, up 1.3 percent.

The Dow rose 123.57 points, or 0.8 percent, to 15,215.25. The S&P 500 index rose 16.57 points, or 1 percent, to 1,650.34. Both are at all-time highs.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 23.82 points, or 0.7 percent, to 3,462.61.

The Russell index is 16.1 percent higher since the start of the year, and is up more than the Standard & Poor's 500 index, which includes larger, global companies. Small stocks are doing well partly because they are more focused on the U.S., which is recovering, and don't get as much revenue from recession-plagued Europe as larger companies do.

The advance in small-company stocks is another sign of how optimistic investors have become. Smaller stocks are more risky than

large ones, but also offer investors the prospect of greater returns.

"Small businesses are in many ways the backbone of the economy ... to see that index move up was a positive surprise," said

more than other major indexes. Investors often see these stocks as an indication of where the economy is going. When companies make and ship more goods, the thinking goes, truckers, airlines and rail-

a-month economic stimulus program, but strong enough for companies to generate healthy earnings. "There is a lot of momentum in the market right now," says Sheldon. "It's largely being fueled by the Federal Reserve and modest growth in the U.S."

The U.S. economy grew 2.5 percent in the first quarter. While hiring has picked up, the unemployment rate is still at 7.5 percent, above the 6.5 percent rate that the Federal Reserve is targeting. As a result the central bank is expected to keep buying bonds to hold down long-term interest rates and encourage more borrowing and spending. Earnings of companies in the S&P 500 index, meanwhile, are expected to rise 5 percent in the first quarter, and grow even faster in the second half of the year, according to S&P Capital IQ.

The market rose from the opening of trading and climbed steadily throughout the day.

It got support after hedge fund manager David Tepper said that he is still bullish on stocks. Speaking on CNBC, Tepper said that investors shouldn't worry about the Fed tapering its stimulus program. The money manager has about \$18 billion under management, according to the broadcaster. □



Trader Michael Smyth rushes across the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. On Tuesday, May 14, 2013, a report on the health of small businesses helped launch the stock market back into record territory.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Quincy Krosby, market strategist for Prudential Financial. "Overall, the market wants to move higher and it's hard to fight that." Another closely watched stock market indicator has also been on a tear: transportation stocks. The Dow Transport average rose 1.9 percent Tuesday and is up 21.8 percent this year, far

ways have more business. The prospect of continued stimulus from the Federal Reserve has also supported the market's run-up. For stock investors, the U.S. economy is "not too hot, not too cold," says Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at RDM Financial. It's weak enough that the Fed will continue its \$85 billion-

Oil sliding as IEA sees US output rising

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of oil slid by nearly \$1 a barrel Tuesday as the International Energy Agency raised its forecast for U.S. oil production while cutting its prediction for global crude demand. Benchmark oil for June delivery dropped 96 cents to close at \$94.21 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil has declined \$2.41 a barrel over the last four trading sessions. The loss came after the Paris-based IEA, which advises 28 countries about energy issues, said rising U.S. oil output will be the key source of new supplies over the coming five-year period.

"The supply shock created by a surge in North American oil production will be as transformative to the market over the next five years as was the rise of Chinese demand over the last 15," the IEA said in its medium-term market report. While noting risks such as the effects of the "Arab Spring" on investment and capacity growth in the North African and Middle East oil industries, the IEA said it expected "a more comfortable global oil supply/demand balance" in the next five years.

Also weighing on prices was the IEA's decision to trim its global demand forecast for every year between 2013 and 2017. The agency cut its 2013 outlook by 20,000 barrels a day.

Overall the IEA forecast global oil demand growth to rise by a total of 6.1 million barrels a day over the next five years, from 90.6 million barrels a day in 2013 to 96.7 million barrels a day in 2018. "Growth will remain subdued in 2013, then gain momentum in 2014-15 on stronger economic expansion, and slow down again in 2016-18 on efficiency improvements and fuel switching," the IEA said. Brent crude, a benchmark for many international oil varieties, fell 22 cents to end at \$102.60 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London. □

Dell raises intrigue by rescheduling 1Q report

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP) — Struggling personal computer maker Dell will report its latest quarterly earnings ahead of schedule in a move likely to spur speculation that the results will be dismal.

The schedule change announced Tuesday means Dell Inc. will release its fiscal first-quarter earnings after the market close this Thursday. The Round Rock, Texas, company had planned to report the results on May 21.

Dell spokesman David Frink declined to say why the company made the switch.

There's high intrigue surrounding Dell's earnings report because the company is trying to sell itself to CEO Michael Dell and other investors for \$24.4 billion. Two of Dell's biggest shareholders, billionaire Carl Icahn and Southeastern Asset Management, have made an alternate proposal in an attempt to block that deal.

Dell's board of directors so far has maintained the proposed sale to Michael Dell and his allies at \$13.65 per share represents the safest deal for the company's shareholders because of

a steady deterioration in PC sales as more people and businesses buy smartphones and tablets instead of laptop and desktop machines.

The board's reasoning will be bolstered if Dell's first-quarter results paint a bleak picture. The chances of a rosy outlook appear remote. The research firm International Data Corp. estimates Dell's PC sales fell 11 percent during the first three months of this year. That downturn followed an 8 percent drop in Dell's total revenue during its last fiscal year.

Analysts surveyed by FactSet are predicting Dell will post adjusted first-quarter earnings of 35 cents per share on revenue of \$13.5 billion.

If those figures pan out, it would represent a 19 percent decrease in Dell's adjusted earnings from last year and a 6 percent dip in revenue.

Michael Dell, who founded the company 29 years ago while he was in college, says he can turn things around by focusing on more profitable areas of technology, such as business software and data storage. □

EU probes oil companies for price-fixing

LONDON (AP) — European anti-trust authorities have launched investigations into at least three oil companies on suspicion of price-fixing.

Britain's BP, Royal Dutch Shell and Norway's Statoil confirmed they are subject to the inquiry announced Tuesday by the European Union's executive arm, the Commission.

Statoil said a raid at its headquarters in Stavanger, Norway, was carried out with the assistance of Norwegian antitrust officials. Norway is not a member of the EU. BP and Shell offered no details, but said they were cooperating with authorities.

Platts, which compiles prices for energy markets, said the Commission also visited its London operations on Tuesday. Platts is a division

of McGraw Hill Financial.

"Commission officials carried out unannounced inspections at the premises of several companies active in and providing services to the crude oil, refined oil products and biofuels sectors," the Commission said in a statement Tuesday. It did not identify the companies involved.

The Commission said it had concerns that oil companies "may have colluded in reporting distorted prices." Such prices are used to determine the market cost of several energy products in Europe and globally.

"Even small distortions of assessed prices may have a huge impact on the prices of crude oil, refined oil products and biofuels purchases and sales, potentially harming final consumers," the Commission said.

The Commission said it was investigating whether the companies may also have "prevented others from participating in the price

speculations of a company's offices as a preliminary step in an investigation. Such probes do not mean the companies are guilty



Peter Voser, Chief Executive Officer of Royal Dutch Shell, speaks, in London.
(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

assessment process, with a view to distorting published prices."

EU antitrust officials can make unannounced in-

of any wrong-doing, the Commission said.

There is no deadline for the completion of the investigation. □

Fitch upgrades Greece's credit rating to "B-"

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Debt-hobbled Greece got some rare good news on Tuesday, when Fitch ratings agency upgraded its sovereign credit grade after the country's European creditors backed the release of a new rescue loan payment.

However, the one-notch upgrade from CCC to B- still leaves Greece's government debt six levels deep in junk status — that is, its bonds are not considered non-investment grade. It has languished in junk territory since 2010, after it admitted to doctoring its debt statistics and lost access to bonds markets, requiring a massive international bailout. Fitch set Greece's outlook as stable, meaning the risks of an upgrade or downgrade are balanced.

In a statement, it said the economy is "rebalancing," with the conservative-led government making clear progress in eliminating a budget deficit that exceeded 15 percent of annual output in 2009. Fitch said the government's harsh austerity program is on track, "amid a semblance of political and social stability." It noted, however, that risks remain in implementing the austerity and reform process demanded by its bailout creditors. "Tangible economic recovery remains elusive, while resistance to reform is high," it said. Fitch is the second of the three major ratings agencies to upgrade Greece. In December, Standard & Poor's upgraded Greece's credit grade by 6 notches, from default to the B- junk rating. Greece is in a sixth year of recession, largely attributable to the budget cutbacks and reforms. The economy has so far shrunk by a fifth since 2008, with unemployment at a record high of 27 percent.

On Monday, the finance ministers from the 16 other European Union countries that use the euro approved the release of 7.5 billion euros (\$10 billion) in loans to Greece, to be paid out in May and June. □

Hedge fund boss lobbies for Sony breakup

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TOKYO (AP) — The U.S. hedge fund manager renowned for shaking up Yahoo Inc. has set his sights on Sony Corp., proposing that the Japanese electronics giant spin off up to 20 percent of its movie, TV and music division and use the money to strengthen its ailing device manufacturing unit. Sony rejected the plan, but analysts latched onto the idea as a way for Sony to unlock hidden value.

Sony's U.S.-traded shares jumped \$1.92, or 10.2 percent, to \$20.81 in Tuesday afternoon trading.

In a May 14 letter to Sony President Kazuo Hirai, first published in The New York Times, Third Point LLC CEO Daniel Loeb suggests Sony take 15 to 20 percent of the entertainment unit public by offering current Sony shareholders the opportunity to buy shares in it. Loeb said that would allow the Japanese maker of PlayStation game machines and Bravia TV sets to fund improvements to its battered electronics operations and provide existing shareholders with a way

to own one of Sony's most profitable businesses more directly. Sony replied in a statement Tuesday that its entertainment business is not for sale, and stressed it is trying to strengthen both that division and its electronics operations.

"As president and CEO Kazuo Hirai has said repeatedly, the entertainment

company would allow Sony's entertainment division to grow and become more profitable. It would also focus investor attention on its assets, which would take on new value as a potential acquisition target for media companies like CBS Corp. CBS spokesman Dana McClintock declined to comment on what he

TV channels in more than 159 countries. "Buried inside of a bigger company, Sony has not been able to highlight the valuable businesses," Wieser wrote in a research note Tuesday. Loeb's letter said that over 40 percent of Sony's enterprise value is tied up in its entertainment assets, but they are underperforming compared to their peers. If the division's profitability were raised to the industry average, it would add 625 billion yen (\$6.1 billion) to Sony's market value, he said. With the rise in Sony's stock Tuesday, the company has a market capitalization of about \$21.1 billion. Sony expanded into the entertainment business three decades ago as it grew into a global powerhouse. It acquired CBS Records in 1988 and Columbia Pictures in 1989.

But Tokyo-based Sony is often criticized for its failure to take advantage of having both electronics and entertainment under its wing. Investors would like the company to be more like Apple Inc., which has made iTunes and its App Store integral to the success of its iPods, iPhones and iPads. □



Customers visit a corner of Sony's Bravia flat-panel TVs at a Tokyo electronics store in Tokyo.
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businesses are important contributors to Sony's growth and are not for sale," Sony said. "We look forward to continuing constructive dialogue with our shareholders as we pursue our strategy."

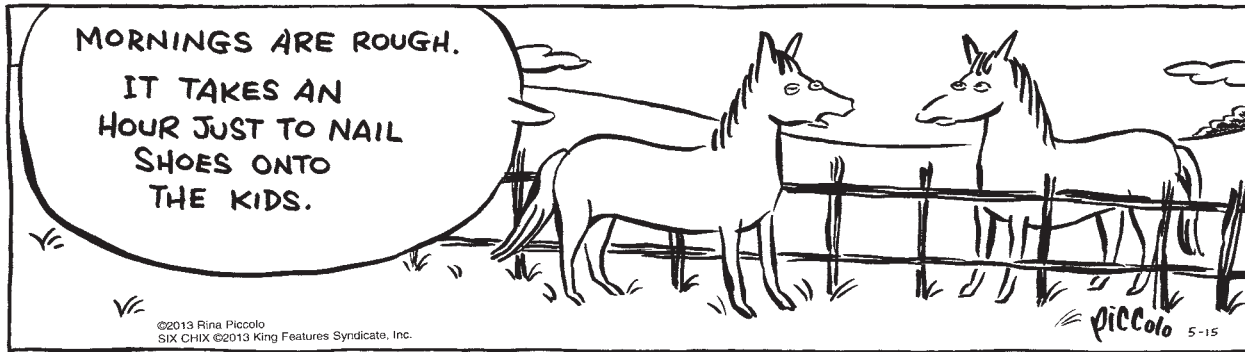
Despite Sony's rebuff, analysts hailed the idea. Pivotal Research Group analyst Brian Wieser said that becoming a separate

called "rumor and speculation." Besides distributing blockbuster movies like the James Bond hit "Skyfall," Sony's entertainment arm makes popular TV shows such as "Community" for NBC and "Breaking Bad" for AMC. Notable Sony Music artists include Beyonce, Adele, Bob Dylan and Kenny Chesney. Wieser said Sony operates 124 pay

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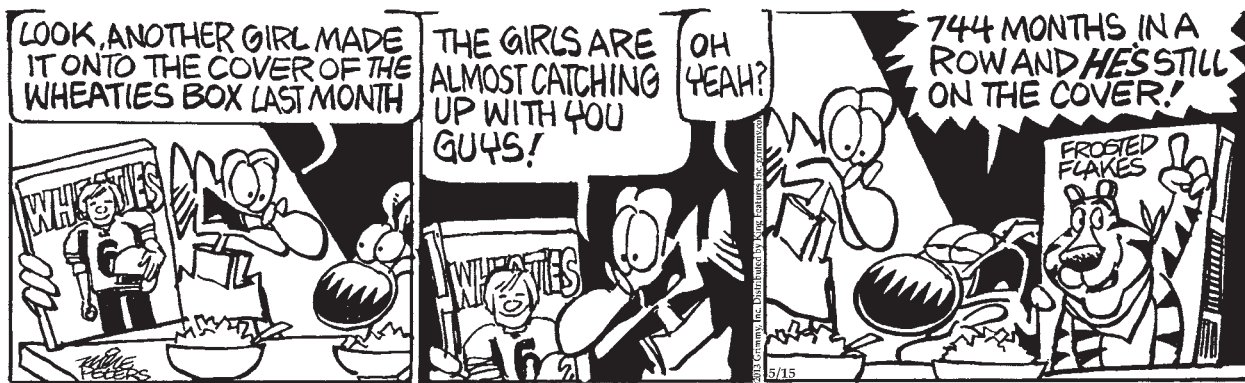
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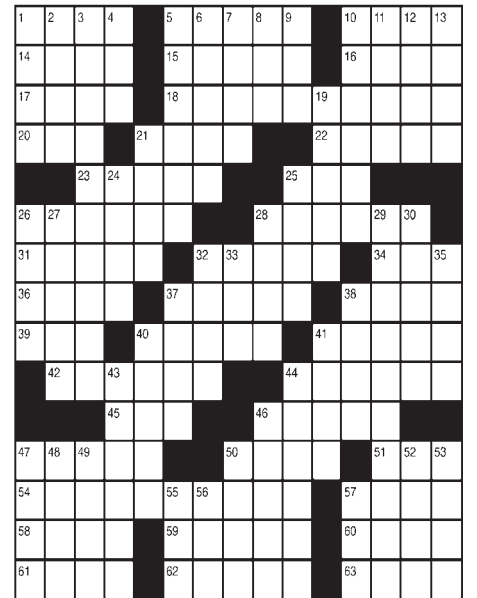
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- 20 1/60 of a min.
- 21 Official stamp
- 22 Extend one's subscription
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- 25 Evergreen tree
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- 1 Clothing
- 2 Give work to
- 3 Miscalculation
- 4 Heaven above
- 5 Butter or jam
- 6 Spotless
- 7 Genuine
- 8 Major network
- 9 Hamster or cat
- 10 Turn inside out
- 11 Slim; thin
- 12 Tardy
- 13 One-dish meal
- 19 setter; reddish dog
- 21 Lean-to
- 24 Individuals
- 25 Truism
- 26 Put on Twitter
- 27 Quick
- 28 Wimp
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- 41 Ripped
- 43 Rope loops
- 44 Came together
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- 56 Get of; shed
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Panel: No benefit seen in sharply restricting sodium

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In a report that undercuts years of public health warnings, a prestigious group convened by the government says there is

no good reason based on health outcomes for many Americans to drive their sodium consumption down.



A prestigious group reports there is no good reason based on health outcomes for many Americans to drive their sodium consumption down.

(Handout Photo)

no good reason based on health outcomes for many Americans to drive their sodium consumption down to the very low levels recommended in national dietary guidelines.

Those levels, 1,500 milligrams of sodium a day, or a little more than half a

chronic kidney disease - a group that makes up more than half of the U.S. population.

But the new expert committee, commissioned by the Institute of Medicine at the behest of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said there was

no rationale for anyone to aim for sodium levels lower than 2,300 milligrams a day. "As you go below the 2,300 mark, there is an absence of data in terms of benefit and there begin to be suggestions in subgroup populations about potential harms," said Dr. Brian L. Strom, chairman of the committee and a professor of public health at the University of Pennsylvania. The committee was not asked to specify an optimal amount of sodium and did not make any recommendations about how much people should consume. There are physiological consequences of consuming little sodium, said Dr. Michael H. Alderman, a dietary sodium expert at Albert Einstein College of Medicine who was not a member of the committee. □

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U.S. Navy launches unmanned aircraft from carrier



A Navy X-47B drone is launched off the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS George H. W. Bush off the coast of Virginia, Tuesday, May 14, 2013. The plane isn't intended for operational use, but it will be used to help develop other unmanned, carrier-based aircraft. **Associated Press**

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Associated Press

ABOARD THE USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (AP) — The U.S. Navy for the first time Tuesday launched an unmanned aircraft the size of a fighter jet from a warship in the Atlantic Ocean, as it wades deeper into America's drone program amid growing concerns over the legality of its escalating surveillance and lethal strikes. Called the X-47B, the drone is considered particularly valuable because it's the first that is designed specifically to take off and land on an aircraft carrier, allowing it to be used around the world without needing the permission of other countries to serve as a home base.

There has been increasing pushback against the use of drones from some nations that say the strikes cause widespread civilian deaths and operate with only limited oversight, eroding the U.S. image

overseas. Navy officials say the drone will provide around-the-clock intelligence, surveillance and targeting capabilities.

The X-47B took off successfully Tuesday morning and made two low approaches to the ship before heading back toward land. The test aircraft isn't intended for operational use; instead, the military is using the information it gathers during these demonstrations to develop the drone program. The Navy already operates two other unmanned aircraft, the small, low cost ScanEagle, which does not carry weapons, and the armed Fire Scout which is built more like a helicopter.

Both the military and the CIA use armed Predator and Reaper drones in surveillance and strike operations around the world. The military uses them routinely in Afghanistan and other warzones, while the CIA has conducted frequent

strikes in the border region of Pakistan — most often secret operations that trigger sharp criticism from the government there.

The X-47B can reach an altitude of more than 40,000 feet (12,000 meters), has a range of more than 2,100 nautical miles (3,400 square kilometers) and can reach high subsonic speeds, according to the Navy. It is also fully autonomous in flight. It relies on computer programs to tell it where it to go unless a mission operator needs to step in. That differs from other drones used by the military, which are more often piloted from remote locations.

Some critics have said the military's use of drones, furthered by Tuesday's tests, create concerns over the development of systems that could become weaponized and have less and less human control over launching attacks.

Human Rights Watch has called for a pre-emptive prohibition of the development and use of any unmanned systems that carry weapons and are fully autonomous.

While current models, like the X-47B, retain some level of supervision over decisions whether to use lethal force, the group predicts that fully autonomous

weapons could be developed within decades that select and engage targets with no human intervention.

Tuesday's tests show the trend toward greater autonomy "is not one that is going to be stopped," said Steve Goose, director of the arms division at Human Rights Watch.

"For us, the question is where do you draw line?" Goose said. "We're saying you need to draw the line when you have a fully autonomous system that is weaponized. We're saying you must have meaningful human control over key battlefield decisions of who lives and who dies. That should not be left up to the weapons system itself."

The Department of Defense issued a directive last year that said it would not pursue fully autonomous weapons, at least for the next few years. The U.S. is the only country with such a directive, Goose said.

Before the planes can become commonplace, however, the military has to prove they can operate in the harsh conditions aboard an aircraft carrier at sea. The aircraft used a steam catapult to launch, just like a traditional Navy warplane does.

"These are exciting times

for the Navy as we are truly doing something that has never been done before — something I never imagined could be done during my 29-year naval career," Rear Adm. Mat Winter, the Navy's program executive officer for unmanned aviation and strike weapons, wrote in a Monday blog post.

While the tailless plane won't land on the aircraft carrier on Tuesday, the Navy plans to conduct those tests soon. Landing on a moving aircraft carrier is considered one of the most difficult challenges Navy pilots face. Following the test launch, the plane will make a series of approaches toward the aircraft carrier before landing at Naval Air Station Patuxent River in Maryland.

Earlier this month, the Navy successfully conducted a landing at that air station where the X-47B used a tailhook on the aircraft to catch a cable and suddenly stop, just as planes landing on carriers have to do.

In the 2014 fiscal year, the Navy plans to demonstrate that the X-47B can be refueled in flight.

The program cost is \$1.4 billion over eight years. Northrop Grumman was awarded the primary contract in 2007. □

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Angelina Jolie says she had double mastectomy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Angelina Jolie says that she has had a preventive double mastectomy after learning she carried a gene that made it extremely likely she would get breast cancer. The Oscar-winning actress and partner to Brad Pitt made the announcement in the form of an op-ed she authored for Tuesday's New York Times (<http://nyti.ms/17o4AOf>) under the headline, "My Medical Choice." She writes that between early February and late April she completed three months of surgical procedures to remove both breasts.

Jolie, 37, writes that she made the choice with thoughts of her six children after watching her own mother, actress Marcheline Bertrand, die too young from cancer.

"My mother fought cancer for almost a decade and died at 56," Jolie writes. "She held out long enough to meet the first of her grandchildren and to hold them in her arms. But my other children will never have the chance to know her and experience how loving and gracious she was."

She writes that, "They have asked if the same could happen to me."

Jolie said that after genetic testing she learned she carries the "faulty" BRCA1 gene and had an 87 percent chance of getting the disease herself.

She said she has kept the process private so far, but wrote about it with hopes of helping other women.

"I wanted to write this to tell other women that the decision to have a mastectomy was not easy. But it is one I am very happy that I made," Jolie writes.

"My chances of developing breast cancer have dropped from 87 percent to under 5 percent. I can tell my children that they don't need to fear they will lose me to breast cancer." Phone and email messages left by The Associated Press seeking comment from Jolie representatives were not returned.

On Tuesday Dr. Kristi Funk, founder of the Pink Lotus Breast Center where Jolie was treated, read a short statement to the media, but did not answer any questions. "The Pink Lotus Breast Center applauds Angelina Jolie's bold choices regarding her BRCA mutation. And we hope that the awareness she is raising around the world will save countless lives," she said.



In this Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011 file photo, actress Angelina Jolie poses for a portrait to promote her directorial debut of the film "In the Land of Blood and Honey" in New York.

Associated Press

Jolie is anything but private in the details she provides, giving a description of the procedures.

"My own process began on Feb. 2 with a procedure known as a 'nipple delay,'" she writes, "which rules out disease in the breast ducts behind the nipple and draws extra blood flow to the area."

She then describes the major surgery two weeks later where breast tissue was removed, saying it felt "like a scene out of a science-fiction film," then writes that nine weeks later she had a third surgery to reconstruct the breasts and receive im-

plants.

Many women have chosen preventive mastectomy since genetic screening for breast cancer was developed, but the move and public announcement are unprecedented from a star so young and widely known as Jolie.

She briefly addresses the effects of the surgery on the idealized sexuality and iconic womanhood that have fueled her fame.

"I do not feel any less of a woman," Jolie writes. "I feel empowered that I made a strong choice that in no way diminishes my femininity."

She also wrote that Brad Pitt, her partner of eight years, was at the Pink Lotus Breast Center in Southern California for "every minute of the surgeries."

Bertrand, Jolie's mother, died in January 2007. She had small roles in the movies "Lookin' to Get Out" in 1982 and "The Man Who Loved Women" in 1983. She raised Jolie and her brother after divorcing their father, Oscar-winning actor Jon Voight, when Jolie was a toddler.

Jolie has appeared in dozens of films including 2010's "The Tourist" and "Salt," the "Tomb Raider" films and 1999's "Girl, Interrupted," for which she won an Oscar.

But she has appeared more often in the news in recent years for her relationship with Pitt and her charitable work with refugees as a United Nations ambassador.

Meanwhile, CNN anchor Zoraida Sambolin announced Tuesday that she has breast cancer and is getting a double mastectomy.

Sambolin, who anchors CNN's "Early Start" morning show, talked about her condition on the show Tuesday while discussing Jolie's decision. □

Billy Crystal returns to Broadway with 1-man show

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — There are apparently a few more Sundays left in Billy Crystal. The star of "City Slickers" and "When Harry Met Sally" said Tuesday he will reprise his funny and poignant one-man autobiographical show "700 Sundays" on Broadway for a 9-week stand this fall.

"700 Sundays" was a Broadway success during the 2004-2005 season, playing to sold-out houses and winning a Tony Award for special theatrical experience. Crystal took it on the road, both in America and abroad.

Previews of its return en-

gagement will begin Nov. 5 at the Imperial Theatre, with an opening night set for Nov. 13. The final performance is scheduled for Jan. 5. In a statement, the New York-bred Crystal said the show — which makes its first return to New York since its Broadway debut — will mark its final performances.

"I've now decided to tell this story one last time in my own backyard, where it all took place," he said. "It is a privilege to return to Broadway to say goodbye to one of the greatest thrills of my life."

Loss triggers the stories in "700 Sundays," the centerpiece being the death of

Crystal's father, Jack, who died of a heart attack at age 54 when his son, Billy, was 15.

The show's title comes from a calculation by Crystal that father and son spent that many Sundays together before Jack Crystal died. Sunday was the one day of the week the two had to enjoy each other's company since Jack Crystal always held two or three jobs.

Other relatives from Crystal's suburban Long Island childhood pop up, too, in "700 Sundays": Uncle Milt, who founded the legendary Commodore Records; Uncle Berns and Aunt Sheila, among others.



This May 13, 2013 file photo shows actor Billy Crystal at the annual "Backstage At The Geffen" event at the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

The show, written with good friend Alan Zweibel, will also feature its original director, Des McAnuff. It became the highest grossing nonmusical in Broadway's history.

In 2009, Crystal reprised the show with engagements in six major cities, including Philadelphia, Dallas, Mi-

ami, Atlanta and Washington, D.C. The work was also turned into a book.

Crystal forged his comedy career in such diverse television shows as "Soap" and "Saturday Night Live," and movies such as "Deconstructing Harry" and "Analyze This" as well as gigs on the Academy Awards. □

Univision pairs with Rodriguez on El Rey television network



□ This Jan. 26, 2013 file photo originally released by The Producers Guild shows Robert Rodriguez during the cocktail reception at the 24th Annual Producers Guild (PGA) Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

NEW YORK (AP) — Univision Communications said Tuesday that it is pairing with filmmaker Robert Rodriguez on the English-language El Rey television network that is geared to young viewers and scheduled to debut this December. Rodriguez is a filmmaker whose projects include "From Dusk Till Dawn." The first scripted series for El Rey will be an expansion of that movie, with the extra time allowing him to expand the story and explore richer Aztec mythology, he said. The company that runs

Univision, the most-popular Spanish-language network in the country, said Tuesday it has invested in El Rey. Terms were not disclosed. It is set to begin in December with a national distribution agreement with Comcast, the nation's largest cable company. The network is expected to have a mix of reality, scripted, music and sports programming, along with movies. "El Rey Network will serve as a launching pad to satisfy the tastes of young adults looking for exciting,

cinematic, action-packed content," Rodriguez said. Univision has expanded over the past two years, creating several new networks. One partnership with ABC is called Fusion, an English-language news network geared toward a Latino audience. The Univision network said it will premiere two new telenovelas during the next season. "La Tempestad" will star William Levy and Ximena Navarrete, a former Miss Universe. "Mentir para Vivir" will star David Zepeda and Mayrin Vilanueva. □

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Bill Hader to exit 'SNL' after 8 seasons

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Hader is leaving "Saturday Night Live" after an eight-year run. His spokesman confirms that the 34-year-old comedian will depart "SNL" after this weekend's season finale. Hader joined the NBC sketch-comedy show in 2005. He has since made his mark with a range of impersonations including Al Pacino, Vincent Price, James Carville and Stefon, the hipster "Weekend Update" correspondent. Hader's films include "Superbad," "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," "Knocked Up" and "Pineapple Express." □



This Dec. 11, 2011 file photo shows actor Bill Hader attends the premiere of "The Adventures of Tintin" in New York.

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Nicole Richie gets candid in new AOL web series

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NEW YORK (AP) — As the Twitterverse expands with millions of users, it can be hard to have a unique voice. Nicole Richie doesn't have that prob-



This April 30, 2013 file photo shows television personality Nicole Richie at AOL's web series NewFront to promote her series "#CandidlyNicole" in New York.

Associated Press

lem. Some examples: "It's 8:30am & I've already gotten into 5 fights" - thugs, and parents of toddlers. "This therapist is going to be GREAT for me once I stop lying to him." "I'm gonna dress up as an iPhone so my husband pays attention to me." Tweets like that earned her not only millions of followers but the attention of production company Telepictures, which was already aware of Richie's popularity and wanted to work with her. "As soon as we began pursuing her we also began following her on Twitter," recalls Laura Mandel, Sr. Vice President of Development of Telepictures. "We were struck by how funny and candid she was and wanted to really showcase that side of her personality, which we haven't seen in a long time." They teamed up with AOL to create the web series (hash)CandidlyNicole. Each video is about five minutes and a new one is posted every Tuesday morning. The first webisode, where

31-year-old Richie consults with a doctor about having her "tramp stamp" (or tattoo on her lower back) removed, earned 1 million views in just its first week. (Try not to at least smirk as she keeps referring to the doctor as "Dr. Tatt-off.") In a recent phone interview, Richie said she's "thrilled" by the response but still has a hard time grasping that she's funny. "My husband (musician Joel Madden) doesn't think I'm funny at all," she said. "He has not laughed at a joke of mine since 2006. I don't necessarily always just mean to be funny. I just kind of say whatever's on my mind but I do know that I have a very specific way of looking at my life." Of course, Richie is no stranger to television. She first appeared alongside Paris Hilton on "The Simple Life," where they were filmed working in fish-out-of-water situations as interns or camp counselors. Richie also just wrapped a second season as a mentor on the competition show "Fashion Star" on NBC. But Richie appreciates the format of the webisode. "We are living in a world where everything needs to be a little bit shorter to keep people's attention," she said. "Especially the younger audience, which is why I think Twitter is so great." She gets together once a week to film with a small camera crew. They go over ideas of what to shoot, but each video really is born from a Tweet she has posted. When the video gets posted she says she looks to her little sister for reassurance. "I have a very hard time watching myself, which is another reason why I'm glad it's only five minutes. I let my sister watch them first. She's 14 (years-old) and the harshest critic so I kind of wait in the other room and see if her and her friends laugh." □

The Yemeni Way



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SANAA, Yemen – If you want to know how bad things can go in Syria, study Iraq. If you want to know how much better things could have gone, study Yemen. Say what? Yemen?

Yes, Yemen. Maybe the most unique postrevolutionary political process happening in any country experiencing an Arab awakening is in poor, fractured, water-starved Yemen. In its own messy way, Yemen is doing what all the other Arab awakening countries failed to do: have a serious, broad-based national dialogue, where the different political factions, new parties, young people, women, Islamists, tribes, northerners and southerners are literally introducing themselves to one another in six months of talks – before they write a new constitution and hold presidential elections. (After decades of autocracy, people in these countries did not know each other.)

It is what Egypt certainly failed to do in any serious way before rushing ahead with presidential elections that have left many people feeling disenfranchised and Islamists running away with the politics. One of the most important things President Barack Obama could do to advance the Arab awakening is give a shoutout to Yemen's approach. Yes, the odds of success here are still really, really long – the effects of 50 years of overexploiting Yemen's water and soil could overwhelm even the most heroic politics – but what Yemen is doing is the only way any Arab awakening state can hope to make a stable transition to democracy. Kicked off on March 18, the 565 delegates to Yemen's national dialogue are tasked with developing recommendations on how to address nine issues ranging from future relations between the feuding north and south to state-building to the future role of the army to rights and freedoms – all of which will go into the writing of a new constitution and holding of elections in February 2014.

"In the beginning, it was very tough," said Yahia Al-Shaibi, a former education minister participating in the dialogue, but, "after a while, things started getting calm, people were sitting together and eating together and we see our different views. Now we can hear what each other says. We are starting to listen to each other and try to come to consensus." The official dialogue has stimulated an even bigger unofficial one. Yemeni Facebook pages and Twitter feeds have exploded with debates about politics, women's rights and the army. After decades of being silenced, everyone wants to talk

now. Women are one-third of the dialogue delegates, and the men are having to adapt. An American democracy adviser here told me this story: "We find that the women members of the dialogue usually come prepared and show up on time. It's open seating, so sometimes they sit in the front row. The other day a tribal leader came late and went to the front seat, which was already occupied by a woman, and he said, 'That's my seat.' And she said, 'No, it's not.'" The dialogue is possible because of the gradual (and messy) way Yemen's awakening played out. It started in 2011 with youth-led protests that escalated into near civil war and a government breakdown until then-President Ali Abdullah Saleh handed power to a transitional government. Saleh's party and his followers, along with the biggest opposition bloc, Islah, Yemen's Muslim Brotherhood, still retained influence. There was no "de-Baathification" or "de-Mubarakization" in Yemen – but much more of a "no-victor-no-vanquished."

No party was absolutely "defeated," said Deputy Foreign Minister Mohy al-Dhabbi. It gave everyone a stake in the democracy transition and "allowed for everyone to give concessions." It also allowed time for women and the youths who started the revolution "to all get involved politically before the elections," added Aidrous Bazara, a businessman in the dialogue. Now no one party "can steal" the revolution, he said. That has been reinforced by the recent decision by Yemen's new president, Abdu Rabbu Mansour Hadi, to professionalize the army, starting by purging Saleh's relatives from the intelligence agency and the elite Republican Guard.

Yemen is a National Rifle Association paradise. It seems as if every Yemeni man owns a gun and many walk around with daggers in their belts. Yet this country may end up having the most extensive Arab awakening dialogue, with relatively few casualties – so far. It is a reminder for Syria's rebels that better guns may be needed to topple their dictator. But, without a culture of inclusion, it will all be for naught.

Jamila Rajaa, a woman participating in the dialogue, told me she still worries that some old parties, including the Muslim Brotherhood, are happy to let the dialogue distract the country, while they are feverishly working the streets to cultivate votes to win the election in order to dominate the next government. Some modern Yemeni women see how the Muslim Brotherhood is ruling in Egypt, when it comes to women, and they want their own Islamists to go through a mindset shift before assuming any power. It's all part of the dialogue – why it is really hard and why it has to succeed, otherwise, as a recent United States Institute of Peace report warned: "Yemen risks falling backward into open conflict." The good news is that – for now – a lot of Yemenis really want to give politics a chance. You've got to root for them. □



When Myths Collide In The Capital



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WASHINGTON – The capital is in the throes of déjà vu and preview as it plunges back into Clinton Rules, defined by a presidential aide on the hit ABC show "Scandal" as damage control that goes like this: "It's not true, it's not true, it's not true, it's old news."

The conservatives appearing on Benghazi-obsessed Fox News are a damage patrol with an approach that goes like this: "Lies, paranoia, subpoena, impeach, Watergate, Iran-contra."

(Though now that the IRS has confessed to targeting Tea Party groups, maybe some of the paranoia is justified.)

Welcome to a glorious spring weekend of accusation and obfuscation as Hillaryland goes up against Foxworld.

The toxic theatrics, including Karl Rove's first attack ad against Hillary, cloud a simple truth: The administration's behavior before and during the attack in Benghazi, in which four Americans died, was unworthy of the greatest power on earth.

After his Libyan intervention, President Barack Obama knew he was sending diplomats and their protectors into a country that was no longer a country, a land rife with fighters affiliated with al-Qaida.

Yet in this hottest of hot spots, the State Department's minimum security requirements were not met, requests for more security were rejected, and contingency plans were not drawn up, despite the portentous date of 9/11 and cascading warnings from the CIA, which had more personnel

in Benghazi than State did and vetted the feckless Libyan Praetorian Guard. When the Pentagon called an elite Special Forces team three hours into the attack, it was training in Croatia – decidedly not a hot spot.

Hillary Clinton and Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens were rushing to make the flimsy Benghazi post permanent as a sign of good faith with Libyans, even as it sat ringed by enemies.

The hierarchies at State and Defense had a plodding response, failing to make any superhuman effort as the siege waxed and waned over eight hours.

In an emotional Senate hearing on Wednesday, Stevens' second-in-command, Gregory Hicks, who was frantically trying to help from 600 miles away in Tripoli, described how his pleas were denied by military brass, who said they could not scramble planes and who gave a "stand-down" order to four Special Forces officers in Tripoli who were eager to race to Benghazi.

"My reaction was that, OK, we're on our own," Hicks said quietly. He said the commander of that Special Forces team told him, "This is the first time in my career that a diplomat has more"chutzpah "than someone in the military."

The defense secretary at the time, Leon Panetta, insisted, "We quickly responded." But they responded that they would not respond. As Emma Roller and David Weigel wrote in Slate: "The die was cast long before the attack, by the weak security at the consulate, and commanders may have decided to cut their losses rather than risking more casualties. And that isn't a story anyone prefers to tell."

Truth is the first casualty here when competing fiefs protect their mythologies. Some unhinged ideologues on the right cling to the mythology that Barry and Hillary are out to destroy America.

In the midst of a re-election campaign, Obama aides wanted to promote the mythology that the president who killed Osama was vanquishing terror. So they deemed it problematic to mention any possible al-Qaida involvement in the Benghazi attack. Looking ahead to 2016, Hillary-

land needed to shore up the mythology that Clinton was a stellar secretary of state. Prepared talking points about the attack included mentions of al-Qaida and Ansar al-Sharia, a Libyan militant group, but the State Department got those references struck. Foggy Bottom's spokeswoman, Victoria Nuland, a former Cheney aide, quashed a we-told-you-so paragraph written by the CIA that said the spy agency had "produced numerous pieces on the threat of extremists linked to al-Qaida in Benghazi and eastern Libya," and had warned about five other attacks "against foreign interests in Benghazi by unidentified assailants, including the June attack against the British ambassador's convoy."

Nuland fretted about "my building leadership," and with backing from Ben Rhodes, a top White House aide, lobbied to remove those reminders from the talking points because they "could be abused by members" of Congress "to beat up the State Department for not paying attention to warnings, so why would we want to feed that either?"

Hicks said that Beth Jones, an under secretary of state, bristled when he asked her why Susan Rice had stressed the protest over an anti-Muslim video rather than a premeditated attack – a Sunday show marathon that he said made his jaw drop. He believes he was demoted because he spoke up.

Hillary's chief of staff, Cheryl Mills, also called Hicks to angrily ask why a State Department lawyer had not been allowed to monitor every meeting in Libya with Rep. Jason Chaffetz, who visited in October. (The lawyer did not have the proper security clearance for one meeting.) Chaffetz, R-Utah, has been a rabid Hillary critic on Fox News since the attack. Hicks said he had never before been scolded for talking to a lawmaker. All the factions wove their own mythologies at the expense of our deepest national mythology: that if there is anything, no matter how unlikely or difficult, that we can do to try to save the lives of Americans who have volunteered for dangerous assignments, we must do it. □

Cleveland Sports: Disappointing Fans Since 1964

JOHN HYDUK

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CLEVELAND – As a Cleveland sports fan I hold these truths to be self-evident: No matter how promising the plan or how high the draft pick, someone will screw it up.

I work the graveyard shift for a beverage distributor outside the city, loading soda from dusk till dawn. We eat lunch in the small hours, in a break room where the reading material runs to day-old sports pages and a dog-eared copy of "God's Plan for You." The recent news has been enough to try one's

form in a cloister.

These are not the worst of times, only the latest. The Fumble, the Drive, the Shot, the curse of Rocky Colavito – library shelves groan with the agony of Cleveland fans. A generation fights from a crouch.

I'm no Cooperstown, but I caught my share of Indians games at the old Municipal Stadium. I was there watching the Kardiak Kids drive when coach Sam Rutigliano called Red Right 88. What's needed now, I know, is distance.

Distance is hard.

We are sports people. The NFL was founded in 1920

Series in 1948; in '64 the Browns were crowned kings of pro football. Since then, nothing.

It has been a particularly potent kind of futility. Not a cuddly incompetence like the Chicago Cubs', each collapse covered in ivy, or the celebrated struggles of the Boston Red Sox. No "Sweet Caroline" here. Our ballpark singalong is "Eve of Destruction."

Periodically, wizards arrived to break the curse. They were an oddly bloodless bunch, for conjurers, but spoke well and seemed to understand salary caps. They lectured

The children will be spared. It's getting harder to pass down that homegrown pain. Satellite dishes, streaming Internet – the young live vicariously in a world that technology creates, down the block but far from any sense of disloyalty or shame. They sport Yankees caps and Cowboys jerseys. That splayed-leg figure dunking on their hoodies isn't Luke Witte.

We grown-ups take victory, like work, wherever we find it. I, for one, sleep well in the knowledge that my car will never be overturned in a championship celebra-

and for a moment anything's possible. This year will be different. And for a few hours you hardly notice the days of your life piling up at your feet.

The local consensus regarding Haslam: wait and see.

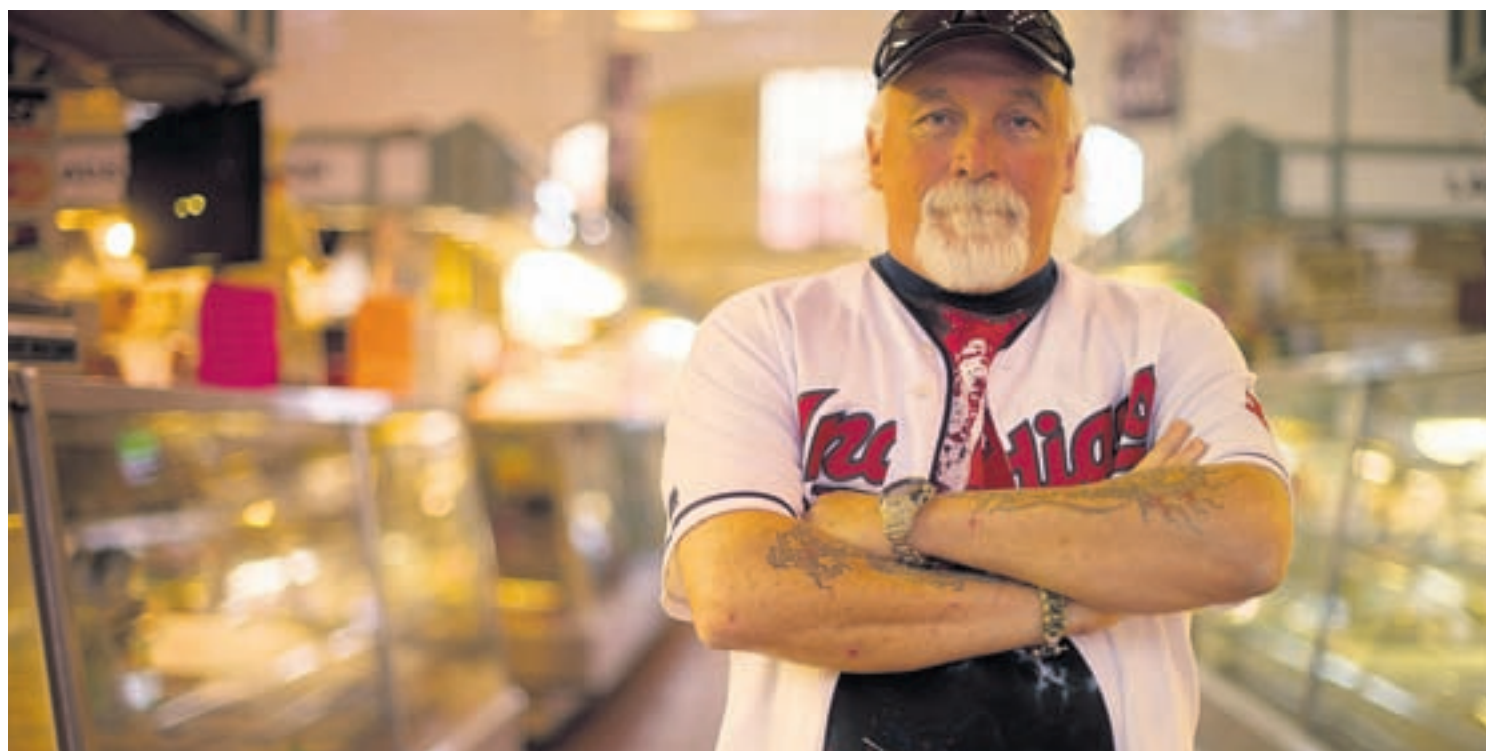
I hope he has a little of Veeck about him, or a good lawyer. Winning would fix everything. For some, any championship would be like the Rapture. I don't shop that aisle.

Oh, various talking heads will tote metaphorical lunch pails for a while, and the adjective "long-suffering" will be worn transparent. Then we will go back to work.

A truck yard on a spring night is the greatest place on earth. It's the last few minutes of that lunch break, and the shop radio is pulling in the final inning of an Indians road game, the signal fading in and out, each pitch bouncing off the moon. We chew on Haslam's woes for a while, then weigh in on whether a certain Heat player (not Cole) will ever return. The conversation drifts, as conversations will, to South Beach and to warm oceans, and to the fortune floating in said oceans.

My co-worker Ray trails dreadlocks, speaks fluent Bob Marley and always surprises. Ray is a cabbage wizard, and if there's a rarer bird than a Rastafarian who cooks Bavarian, I haven't found one. Ray read somewhere that whale vomit, or ambergris, is more precious than gold. He proposes to get a boat and fetch that treasure. Someday. What he lacks is a crew.

I sign on. As a Cleveland sports fan, I know I will not be busy during the playoffs. Any playoffs. As for that other Heat player – the one who took his talents to South Beach: He'll be back. Terry the Driver's adult daughter moved back home recently, a victim of a tough economy. "They always come home," Terry says. And then we go back to work. □



Arthur Gibson, an engineer, wears a Cleveland Indians jersey at West Side Market in Cleveland. The city has had a professional sports championship drought since the Cleveland Browns won in 1964, leaving sports fans to count their victories where they can find them.

(Jeff Swensen/The New York Times)

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Our new NFL owner, a truck stop billionaire named Jimmy Haslam, is being investigated by assorted federal agencies for fuel rebate hanky-panky. The basketball Cavaliers lost 58 games: They would have lost more but the season ended. That collapse cost coach Byron Scott his job and the new/old hire Mike Brown any hope of a happy retirement. The Miami Heat, however, roll largely downhill toward another NBA title. This is particularly grating because a Heat player has a Cleveland connection. (No bitterness from me – much love, Norris Cole.) The Indians per-

in a Hupmobile showroom down the road in Canton. We welcomed boys from small towns and swampy places, and gave them nicknames like Automatic Otto and Rapid Robert and the Mudcat.

We built an 81,000-seat horseshoe with public money – in the midst of the Great Depression, no less – wherein neighbors could watch these adopted sons perform. We turned the dials on our car radios on the ride home from the swing shift at Republic Steel or Fisher Body, found the announcer Jimmy Dudley's honey drawl and heard music.

The Indians took the World

us on the constraints of a small market, failed, and left. Somehow, misfortune always found a roster spot. Contrast them with Bill Veeck, who owned the '48 Indians. Veeck was a peg-legged Barnum and a brazen hustler: As a game-day promotion he once gave away ice. When a proposed trade of a popular player brought out peasants with pitchforks, Veeck squashed the deal. Then, the story goes, Veeck went across town from watering hole to watering hole, apologizing. Imagine that. To watch the Cavs' brain trust explain Scott's firing is to be entertained by sock puppets.

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Mojo or moxie: When the factories left, we lost more than a manufacturing base; we lost our strut. Which makes us not that different from you. Vexed by Washington gridlock or a stalled economy? Had the best-laid plans of wizards crash around your ears? It doesn't matter where you were born: you are here. "Ich bin ein Clevelander."

And yet.

The first pitch of spring slaps leather, the Indians hang around first place in May, and sport again becomes something beyond a balance sheet. A kickoff sails high into the autumn air,